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AMON HILL dramatically revived his world champion-ship challenge here on Sun-day with a brilliant flag-to-flag victory in the Hungarian Grand Prix. He headed David Coulthard across the line to score the Williams team's first one-two finish of the season.

It was a convincing reassertion of Hill's credentials as a worldclass driver, which had been queslioned after his collision with Michael Schumacher at Silverstone and his spin while leading at Hockenheim. "It was the best win of my F1 career," he said.

Hill convincingly outdistanced Schumacher from the start, leading on every one of the 77 laps to slash the German driver's championship advantage by 10 points to 11.

Coulthard ran second for the first 13 laps before Schumacher slipped past when the Scot got his Williams slightly sideways coming through one of the chicanes.

Schuinscher looked on course to finish a strong second until his Benetton-Renault was sidelined by an electrical failure with only four laps left when he was running 11 seconds behind Hill. It was the world champion's first breakdown

"It was a race I had to win, and won it, so it was a bit of a pay-back day for me," Hill said. "I think we were pretty well in control through-

out. When you bust a gut for 77 laps and get on the rostrum and get that stages, opening a 15.3sec lead besort of reception it's just great. It's been a fantastic day. It was a trem-endous race and Michael put the pressure on, but I proved I could heat him one-on-one. It's been a

Schumacher is left in the pits

Runaway victory for Hill as

"Everything went to plan. After Schumacher's last stop we needed a clean stop to get out ahead of him again, but traffic was a problem and was not over until he dropped out. was mighty relieved, but I think we

Schumacher's race strategy was ompromised by a multimetion in his refuelling rig valve which resulted in his Benetton being shortchanged by approximately 15 litres at the first pit-stop on lap 17.

This meant he had to make earlier-than-scheduled second stop only nine laps later, by which time the Benetton team had discarded their original rig and switched to using that allocated to Johnny Herbert on both cars.

Hill's commanding pole position with Coulthard alongside him and Schumacher on the second row gave the Englishman a golden opportunity to build an early lead.

ting into second place to neutralise Schumacher's immediate challenge. At the end of the opening lap Hill was already 1.3sec ahead, and he

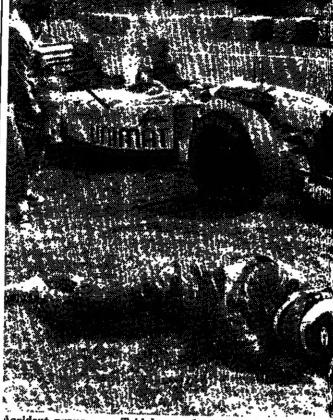
fore Schumacher nipped ahead of Coulthard midway round lap 13. Hill and Schumacher made their

first stops on lap 17, and Hill reover his rival. Thereafter he mainmoment of anxiety came on lan 44 when he got sideways at the chicane, just as Coulthard had done. Schumacher edged alongside but Hill closed the door. "Il was a case of the boot being very firmly on the other foot," said Hill, glowing with

Hill's victory here has put the seal on a new \$10 million contract to drive for Williams next season. With Renault, the engine suppliers to Williams and Benetton, seething with frustration at the impending loss of Schumacher to Ferrari, Hill has played his negotiating card brilliantly to vault into the upper ranks of Formula One earners.

It is believed that Hill was made a îrm offer to join Benetton as Schumacher's successor in 1996, only for Frank Williams to match the offer and secure Hill's services for the fourth consecutive season. With Schumacher now out of the

Renault equation for 1996, Hill and Williams can reassert their advantage over Benetton, who will sign he unpredictable Frenchman Jean Alesi to take over their No 1 entry.



course car during practice at Monte Carlo, was hit by a marshi car when he ran for a fire extinguisher after his Footworkliz

odds seem stacked against him, the team-mate continues to puzzle. Admittedly Coulthard was dogged by tonsillitis early on and has suffered with poor mechanical reliability. But, given his one-year contract

for 1996 with Jacques Villenene

vinced observers that the 24-year-1 Scot is not quite quick enough:

## Women 'took part in killings'

OMEN, including nuns, nurses and teachers, took nurses and teatment, part in the brutal killings caped punishment, a new report reveak. Many are working in Europe or Africa, despite joining in the genodde of the country's Tutsi mitority, it says.

Thousands of women were killed by other women. They often died at the hands of educated women, the very women who had access to political power, economic means and education," says the report by African Rights, a London-based human rights organisation.

The extent to which women took an active role in the killings is unprecedented. This is not accidental, the architects of the holocaust sought to involve as much of the population as possible — men, women and even children as young a eight. They set out to create a naon of extremists bound together by the blood of genocide. If every-

no one to point an accusing finger." | a mother superior, and Julienne Kiz-The report, which says the women are again working in posi-tions of responsibility for others' welfare, is full of examples of enthusiastic participation by women in the genocide, in which at least 500,000 ernment ministers and domestic ser-

vants to teenage girls who acted as the "cheerleaders", singing and ulu-lating the killers into action. The most prominent female killers, such as Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, had their sons as drivers

... and partners in crime. Many of these young men were prominent killers in their own right, but the reputation of their mothers as fierce killers heightened their standing [and] gave them additional opports

nities to kill, abduct, loot and rape." There were many instances of bravery, such as the Hutu and foreign nuns in Kibuye who sheltered their Tutsi sisters and a group of orphans. But such bravery was overshadowed by the role of others. African Rights accuses two Benedic-

ito, from a convent in Butare - of asking the Hutu army to drive out thousands of Tutsi refugees who had stormed the convent.

"Sister Julienne worked directly with the killers, standing in their while they massacred refugees, handing out jerrycans of petrol which were used in her presence to burn people alive." Sister Gertrude and Sister Julienne are sheltering in a Belgian monaste

Two nuns are in Kigali awaiting trial, African Rights says Bernade Mukarusine and Benedicte Mukanyangezi from Shyorongi identifled Tutsis in their area to Hutu nilities, including children hidden by a priest.
Of those who abused positions of

trust none was more prominent their pupils. The report, Not So Innocent, argues that it is important to document the role of women to end the immunity enjoyed by Rwanda's

Rwanda PM sacked, page 3

Dr Kristiensen, a senior re-

### Market shelling leaves 37 dead in Sarajevo

Ed Vulliamy in Zagreb

peace plan for Bosnia received a crushing blow with the massacre of 37 civilians, and the wounding of 88, in the crowded centre of Sarajevo on Monday.

The carnage threatened to propel the Bosnian war into a new crisis, placing the strongest pressure on Nato and United Nations commanders to honour their pledges to derobust military action if they came

The Bosnian prime minister,

However, the main architect of

After UN soldiers analysed the shell craters in the Bosnian capital to determine their exact origin, the UN in a statement said it had "conbeyond all reasonable doubt" that the Bosnian Serb forces had fired the 120mm mortar round, raising the possibility of air or ar

death toll was expected to rise.

Harls Silaidzic, said his government oledged to protect Sarajevo.

the US initiative, Richard Holstop the peace process. It will only make us redouble our efforts."

tillery strikes against them. The UN statement, issued Sarajevo, came only hours after the Bosnian Serb "parliament", in an abrupt switch, welcomed the latest US peace proposals. The parliament, fearing possible retaliation, changed course suddenly on Tues-

Goods littered the pavements

killed about 20 people.

and streams of blood. One shell in

particular, a 120mm heavy mortar

The attack was a manifest at

empt to sabotage the peace initia-

ive and came just hours before

Bosnia's president, Alija Izetbe-

promised to avenge the massacre.

As far as the killers are concerned,

my message to them is, we shall

strike back . . . and very soon too.

As the wounded were driven to

Kosevo hospital in private cars, Mr

Silajdzic said the peace process

obligations and the role of Nato" in

protecting Sarajevo were clarified.

Just hours later, shells fell on

peacekeepers withdrew on Monday

from the exposed Muslim enclave of

without hindrance from Bosnian

Serb forces which surround

Gorazde, extracted 77 British, four

Norwegian and two Ukrainian sol-

and Kurt Schork in Sarajevo

HE United States-backed

under attack.

was ready to suspend participation in the peace process until Nato had

Kosevo hospital. Two patients in the neurosurgery ward were reported brooke, said the slaughter "will not

In effect calling off further talks Paris, Mr Silajdzie said: "When the negotiations start seriously, they do this. If there is to be a peace process, it should not be at gunpoint. The peace process should be that it will prevent these massacres Amid an international outcry ove the slaughter, the last batch of UN

Several children were reported among those slaughtered in the most savage assault on Sarajevo since the massacre in the same mar ket area in February 1994. The

A series of shells crashed into the ntrance of the Trznica covered market, the neighbouring open market and around the national theatre. Bloodied remains of the dead and the wounded were strewn across the streets.

as those working normal hours. Johannes Slegrist, director of the Institute of Medical Sociotions, job insecurity or unem-

ployment caused immense distress. That could translate it-

control and low rewards, particularly a blue-collar job, your risk of a heart attack is two to four times as high as a person in a job with lower demands and high rewards and security."

diers from a zone where the UN most risked renewed hostage-tak-

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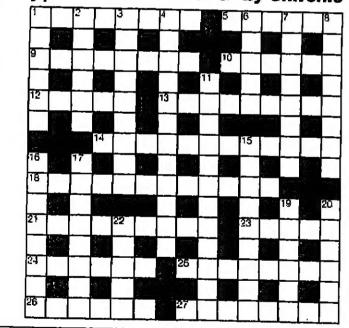
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Cryptic crossword by Chifonie



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Cricket Fifth Test England v West Indies

### All square before the Oval

Mike Salvey at Trent Bridge

A NY hope that either side may have had of sneaking a victory against the head effectively ended at 2.45pm on Monday when Sher-win Campbell, a fielder of the highest calibre, failed to catch Mike

Watkinson at midwicket. It was the cricketing equivalent of the six-inch putt and it would have given Courtney Walsh his 300th Test wicket. But most importantly it would have seen England bowled out in their second innings for 191. At that stage, with a recalculation of overs based on time remaining, West Indies would have been required to chase 215 to win from 41

overs, and the game was still on. Subsequent events reduced everything to hypothesis. When Mike Atherton declared after tea, England had reached 269 for nine and Watkinson had made 82 lively runs, having batted for 17 minutes

short of three hours. The last-wicket stand with Illingworth, who was batting in considerable pain from a broken finger, had lasted for 89 frustrating minutes. It yielded 80 runs and was the biggest ast-wicket stand for England since eter Willey and Bob Willis added 117 undefeated runs against West idies at the Oval 15 years ago.

have stood more chance of with ming home to the Caribbean than

scoring 293 to win in 20 overs. Even in a tame draw, hower there are still psychological posts o be won, and it was England was scored them, taking the wickes both openers by the time the @ tains called it a day. Kenny Benjamin's five for @ 50;

in match figures of 10 for 174am in a batsman's game, the Mandh Match award. The marketing men got it right he end, and with the series rem ing level at 2-2, it is down to the 02 on August 24 for the final Test &

fore that, however, both sides att to retreat to assess their casualis. This match has seen Illingworth? most certainly precluded from the b nale, and both Atherton and Thore

rospital he was fit to bat on Montal gles to Walsh are their biggest will ries. Richie Richardson Insists

England 440 (Hick 118no. ...

sufficied badly-bruised fingers.

News of Nick Knight was bells
after the dreadful blow to his lead while fielding close to the ba

West Indies have not escapedur scathed either. Ambrose's problem an ankle injury to Bishop and six men can struggle through, but he must be thinking now of adding ly their party.

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### Low-paid most at risk from heart attacks

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drivers, fishermen, bar staff and

ORGET the notion that hardpressed business executives tre most likely to keel over with leart attacks. Those most at risk are bus and lorry drivers and inskilled shift workers, accordng to the latest research.

Many high-status executives can avoid stress by staying in control of their working lives, while blue-collar workers have little control and tend to suffer doro stress, scientists reported at a heart conference last week.

those in unskilled jobs, particularly shift workers, are most at Tage Kristiensen sald: "The stereotype of stress is the businessman with a suitcase and mobile phone having lots of

meetings and being under time pressure. But research shows

Professors and forestry work- | effect on the lower social strats."

He told the congress of the European Society of Cardiology in Amsterdam that bus drivers in Copenhagen on heavy traffic

searcher at the National Institute of Occupational Health in Copenhagen, said: "Heart disease is a lower-class disease and work stress is a lower-class

routes had six times the risk of those in light traffic. Studies of that is not correct. Job stress
and heart disease has the largest
London, had the same finding.

People doing shifts were at louble the risk of heart disease

logy at Düsseldorf university in Germany, said poor work condi-

self into physical symptoms. Prof Siegrist added: "If you have a demanding job with little

West Indies responded by sending in Brian Lara to open the innings Atherton 113) & 269-9dec; with Campbell, although they would Windles 417 (Lara 152) & 42-2

on its own territory. Apart from the fact that the French government con-AGREE wholeheartedly with the siders Moruroa (which is the correct I sentiments expressed by Hugo Young (French fallout from staunch way to spell the name of the atoll) to be French territory — even if no one else does — it should be noted that nuclear club, August 13), but beg to the Lop Nor test site lies in a part of differ with him on one small, but for China where the people are not ethnimany New Zealanders, rather significant point of detail. cally Han Chinese and which histori-Young refers to action taken by the "socialist prime minister, David cally forms part of East Turkestan. The Chinese refer to the province as

Xinjang, which means "new colony," Lange". Anyone even vaguely famil-The indigenous people of the reiar with the recent political history gion claim that since testing started of New Zealand will know that the in 1964, some 20,000 have died from use of that particular adjective severely misrepresents the nature of the fallout (the first 20 devices were above ground), water has been conthe fourth Labour government led taminated, there is a high incidence by David Lange until 1989. Lange of cancer, babies have been born presided over a process of constituwith horrible deformities, life extional and economic reform which pectancy has declined to the extent illuminated the worst excesses of unbridled cabinet government; the that the death rate is now the highest of all the Chinese provinces, and tragedy of it all, for many of us, was the export of livestock, fruit and that Labour's policies in those times vegetables — originally to Hong owed a far greater ideological debt to Hayek and Friedman than they did to Fraser and Savage (early There are frequent demonstra-

lions, which became violent after Labour party leaders). 1980 when soldiers shot into the Labour's legacy has been contincrowds, and according to Annesty ted under the current National International, around 10,000 people (Tory) administration, but the fact that it was kickstarted by a "socialhave been arrested since 1990. It is a sad irony that nuclear tes ist" prime minister has left many here feeling more than a little betrayed and bemused.

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Palmerston North, New Zealand

I HAVE NOT noticed any protest

from the British government

against France's proposed nuclear

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Kong — has been stopped.

\_\_OW heartwarming to hear the 7 French government condemning those who set off indiscriminate explosions without warning.

C j Whitehouse,

## Darwin

AM GLAD Richard Dawkins has become Professor of Public Unlerstanding of Science at Oxford (August 13). His arrogance, abraiveness and dogmatism may cause he public to develop a healthy scepticism about that pretension to absolute knowledge that continues to make far too much science philosophically mediocre.

rated, yet oddly devoid of intellectual nsight beyond the crude reductionam exemplified in The Selfish Gene. le presents a designer version of the dreary mechano-morphic platitudes that dogged 19th century science, and allows his thinking to be conditioned by this intellectual inhertance. Indeed, he is so rigorous in is Darwinism that he creates a caricature of Darwin's thought. Darwin nad an open mind. That of Dawkins seems to be confidently closed.

I am happy to read that he has some deep questions about the origins of consciousness. One can only nope that his answers to these will not be as one-dimensional — shall

we sav as silly - as his selfish gene. Perhaps it is too obvious to say hat his faith in a certain kind of science has about it the same quality as that displayed by the more rigid theologians and theocrats in regards to their religious beliefs, but the similarity of mind-set is too visible to escape comment. He is in fact an evangelist — for his view of science. Given the developments in the philosophy of science, and in physics since relativity, his mechanism seems reactionary; as out of place in the development of an intelligent science at the end of this century as the Ptolemaic universe was

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Howard L Reiter,

Coventry, Connecticut, USA

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Canadian journalist Linda Mc-Quaig, in her book (Shooting The Hippo - Death By Deficit And Other Canadian Myths), makes a compelling argument that the large Canadian debt and deficit are largely attributable to this policy. The current rationale is that high interest rates are needed to attract (largely foreign) investors into the Canadian bond market. The irony is that the debt which arguably now makes high rates necessary was created by

those same high interest rates. Not only did the Crow policies maim the Canadian economy, they also provide an excuse to those who wish to attack social spending in the name of deficit and debt reduction. There is little evidence to justify the attack. A classic case of blaming the

The Canadian experience should e an example of how there is no virtue in speaking with one voice i

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

#### Bankrupt Kashmiri ploy

∧ ZMAT KHAN is mistaken (August 13) in referring to the recent kidnapping of western hostages in India as a ploy to discredit the Kashmiri cause. In fact, it is not the Indian government but the Kashmiri militants themselves who have largely contributed to the failure of their movement.

The militants started their campaign, not through democratic means, but by kidnapping the daughter of India's then home minister. Since then, they have carried out in numerable acts of kidnapping and asassinations. Even the president of the Jammu and Kashmiri Liberation Front, Yasin Malik, who was released from prison on health grounds, has confessed to taking part.

But, worst of all, it was their strategy to target non-Muslims in the Valley which has virtually de-legitimised their cause. The kidnapping of western hostages is, therefore, not a ploy by the Indian government, but a reflection of a movement which lacked moral sanctity in the first place.

#### Forgotten genocide

ENRI TINCO (A return to the dark ages, Le Monde, August 13) dutifully observed the media taboo of the New World Order by referring to only two genocidal experiences of the Eastern Christians: "The Armenian genocidal experi-ences of 1915 and the Greek-Turkish war of 1922". The 1941-45 Ustasha genocide, perpetrated in the Indehealthy since it keeps alive the de- pendent State of Croatia, was relegated to an Orwellian memory hole.

theoretical basis. The costs, how- Sava Bosnitch,

GUARDIANIE September:



On the alert . . . Chinese troops in Huairou await the 40,000 delegates to the NGO Forum on Women.

### Rwanda sacks its Hutu prime minister

Chris McGreal In Sujumbura, Burundi

NANDAN president Pasteur Bizimungu's dismissal of the mme minister on Monday exposed sidening divisions between the Hutu members of the coalition goverament and the Tutai-dominated Awandan Patriotic Front.

I can only hope that the The prime minister, Faustin Twawoman whose vulnerability mamungu, a Hutu and the highest tave exploited will never suffer official in the administration who is ndignity of secing herself :0: not a member of the RPF, was inosed. If she were your aut.) creasingly critical of its domination nother, or your sister, would! of the government. He was said to nave posted such a picture in the e concerned that the army, which permarket where she shops? ffectively remains a wing of the decision to print it is disgraceful RPF, is unaccountable and is in-Cooee Bay, Queensland, Australia

creasingly usurping civilian powers.

The president's office said Mr lwagiramungu was diamissed because "he has not lived up to expectations and responsibilities President Bizimungu submitted motion to the Tutsi-majority parliament for the prime minister's dismissal as one of a number of cabinet hanges. It was overwhelming supported by the hand-picked MPs though no new appointments were nounced. But other politicians in ligali said Mr Twagiramungu had een dismissed to pre-empt his

Either way, his departure will be blow to the RPF's efforts to porwithin its own ranks as president and made Mr Twagiramungu, one of the few experienced politicians in the new cabinet, prime minister in an effort to to show that the government was neither Tutsl nor RPF-

There was friction from the start. The real power lay with the vice-president, Paul Kagame, the RPF's military leader, who also became defence minister. Mr Twagiramungu was known to be particularly concerned that the army. drawn mostly from the RPF, feels it self accountable to General Kagame and not the broader cabinet.

The prime minister has also voiced criticism of arbitrary arrests and revenge killings by those who survived the genocide, some of which the military has either particpated in or failed to prevent. Evidence of the army's disdain

for control came in April with the massacre of several thousand Hutu refugees at the Kibeho camp in south-west Rwanda. Not only did the army feel free to kill at random, but soldiers also were permitted to dispose of thousands of bodies and destroy other evidence. Even after an inquiry, there has been little accountability for the killings.

The massacre was a reflection of the growing remilitarisation because of the continuing threat of atroad-based. After the RPF won last | tacks from refugee camps in Zaire,

year's war, it appointed a Hutu from | where tens of thousands of soldiers of the defeated Hutu army remain. But the prime minister and other members of the government increasingly suspected that the RPF was using the threat of renewed conflict to impose a form of martial law. In many parts of Rwanda, what the army says goes, and it is rarely

The government has also failed win credibility with the large numbers of Hutus within Rwanda or with refugees still in Zaire and Tanzania. The choice of Mr Twagiramungu's replacement and other cabinet appointments will indicate whether the RPF intends to tighten further its grip on government.

Zaire is threatening to resume the expulsion of Hutu refugees to Rwanda and Burundi after the Inited Nations failed to deliver on promises of a mass voluntary repatriation. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) idmitted that "no significant numhome, despite preparations to remove several thousand a day from camps in eastern Zaire.

Only a few hundred of the more than 1 million refugees had returned of their own accord since last week, when Zaire halted the expulsions that had forced 15,000 people across the border in four days. Most Burundian refugees

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS** 5

peace

Cindy Shiner in Monrovia

OR NEARLY six years Liberians have been waiting for their warlords to make peace, but they were looking for the wrong handshake. It finally came from

tween the Nigerian government and Charles Taylor, leader of Liberia's National Patriotic Front, has been one of the largest impediments to posed to end the civil war by leading regional peacekeeping force.

Mr Taylor finally put aside his ear of the Nigerians and travelled to the capital, Abuja, to sign a peace accord on August 19 with his Liber-

He appears to have forgiven the peacekeepers for preventing him from seizing the executive mansion in 1990, and it seems the Nigerians have forgiven him for attacking their troops in 1992.

"We have been able to allay the fears that were there before — that Nigeria wanted to kill Mr Taylor. which was not true, but we didn't see that," said Mr Taylor's spokeswoman, Victoria Reffeli.

The peace accord allows Mr Taylor to return to Monrovia, the Liberian capital, for the first time since 1990. He is to be part of a six-member collective presidency, which includes two other leaders of the three largest Liberian factions. A transitional government is to lead the country to elections in a year.

There have been at least 12 attempts to end Liberia's civil war, which has claimed more than 150,000 lives and displaced most of the population of 2.5 million. But observers in Monrovia believe the latest accord has a much better chance of succeeding

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The indigenous people of the region claim that since testing started in 1964, some 20,000 have died from the fallout (the first 20 devices were above ground), water has been contaminated, there is a high incidence of cancer, babies have been born with horrible deformities, life expectancy has declined to the extent that the death rate is now the highest of all the Chinese provinces, and the export of livestock, fruit and vegetables - originally to Hong Kong - has been stopped.

There are frequent demonstrations, which became violent after 1980 when soldiers shot into the crowds, and according to Amnesty International, around 10,000 people have been arrested since 1990.

It is a sad irony that nuclear testing has always been at the expense of indigenous people: the US Nevada test site lies on the land of the Western Shoshone nation; the British used to test on Aboriginal land in South Australia; Soviet nuclenr fallout from Novaya Zemlya blew west on to the Lapps; the first French tests were in the Sahara desert; and the above ground tests conducted by Peter D Jones, Lenah Valley, Tasmania, Australia

AGREE wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by Hugo Young (French fallout from staunch nuclear club, August 13), but beg to differ with him on one small, but for many New Zealanders, rather significant point of detail.

Young refers to action taken by the "socialist prime minister. David Lange". Anyone even vaguely familiar with the recent political history of New Zealand will know that the use of that particular adjective severely misrepresents the nature of the fourth Labour government led by David Lange until 1989. Lange presided over a process of constitutional and economic reform which illuminated the worst excesses of unbridled cabinet government; the tragedy of it all, for many of us, was that Labour's policies in those times owed a far greater ideological debt to Hayek and Friedman than they did to Fraser and Savage (early Labour party leaders).

Labour's legacy has been continued under the current National (Tory) administration, but the fact that it was kickstarted by a "socialist" prime minister has left many here feeling more than a little be trayed and bemused. Richard Shaw,

Palmerston North, New Zealand

I HAVE NOT noticed any protest from the British government against France's proposed nuclear tests in the Pacific. If there has been the United States contaminated and displaced the people of the Marshall be louder. If there has not been one,

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JOW heartwarming to hear the French government condemn-ing those who set off indiscriminate explosions without warning. C I Whitehouse,

#### Darwin caricatured

AM GLAD Richard Dawkins has become Professor of Public Understanding of Science at Oxford (August 13). His arrogance, abrasiveness and dogmatism may cause the public to develop a healthy scepticism about that pretension to absolute knowledge that continues to make far too much science philosophically mediocre.

Dawkins is articulate, sophisticated, yet oddly devoid of intellectual nsight beyond the crude reductionsm exemplified in The Selfish Gene. He presents a designer version of the dreary mechano-morphic platitudes that dogged 19th century science, and allows his thinking to be conditioned by this intellectual inheritance. Indeed, he is so rigorous in his Darwinism that he creates a caricature of Darwin's thought. Darwin had an open mind. That of Dawkins

seems to be confidently closed. I am happy to read that he has some deep questions about the origins of consciousness. One can only hope that his answers to these will not be as one-dimensional - shall we say as silly - as his selfish gene.

Perhaps it is too obvious to say that his faith in a certain kind of science has about it the same quality as that displayed by the more rigid theologians and theocrats in regards to their religious beliefs, but the similarity of mind-set is too visible to escape comment. He is in fact an evangelist - for his view of science. Given the developments in the philosophy of science, and in physics since relativity, his mechaisin seems reactionary; as out of place in the development of an intelligent science at the end of this century as the Ptolemaic universe was after the speculations of Galileo. Denys Trussell, Auckland, New Zealand

#### Deflated experience

VOU EXPRESS concern that a difference of opinion between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England over what is an acceptable level of inflation may undermine the credibility of British monetary policy (Chancellor haunted by plea for healthy since it keeps alive the dee on the question: "Can no infla-

tion be too much of a good thing?" We in Canada had as head of our central bank a governor, John Crow, who can only be described as being obsessed with inflation. His view

Herzegovina where the Orthodox Serbs were victimised by the Roman Catholic and Muslim Croats. The was that Inflation should not just be | joint Ustasba genocide was to Serbs managed but be eliminated. He succeeded, but did so by destroying Memories of that reign of terror are much of the Canadian economy.

The benefits of this policy have never been established, even on a creatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The benefits of this policy have theoretical basis. The costs, how-ever, have been palpable — record. Fredericion, NB, Canada

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as cited Bush.

Canadian journalist Linda Mc Quaig, in her book (Shooting The Hippo — Death By Deficit And Other Canadian Myths), makes a compelling argument that the large Canadian debt and deficit are largely attributable to this policy. The cur-rent rationale is that high interest rates are needed to attract (largely foreign) investors into the Canadian bond market. The irony is that the debt which arguably now makes high rates necessary was created by

those same high interest rates. Not only did the Crow policies naim the Canadian economy, they also provide an excuse to those who wish to attack social spending in the name of deficit and debt reduction. There is little evidence to justify the attack. A classic case of blaming the

The Canadian experience should e an example of how there is no rirtue in speaking with one voice it he message is wrong. Michael Kainer. Toronto, Ontario, Canada

#### Bankrupt Kashmiri ploy

AZMAT KHAN is mistaken (August 13) in referring to the recent kidnapping of western hostages in India as a ploy to dis-credit the Kashmiri cause. In fact, it s not the Indian government but the Kashmiri militants themselves who have largely contributed to the failure of their movement.

The militants started their campaign, not through democratic means, but by kidnapping the daughter of India's then home minister. Since then, they have carried out in numerable acts of kidnapping and asassinations. Even the president of he Jammu and Kashmiri Liberation ront, Yasin Malik, who was released from prison on health grounds, has

confessed to taking part. But, worst of all, it was their strategy to target non-Muslims in the Val-ley which has virtually de-legitimised heir cause. The kidnapping of western hostages is, therefore, not a ploy y the Indian government, but a reflection of a movement which lacked moral sanctity in the first place.

#### Forgotten genocide

HENRI TINCO (A return to the dark ages, Le Monde, August 13) dutifully observed the media taboo of the New World Order by referring to only two genocidal experiences of the Eastern Christians: The Armenian genocidal experiences of 1915 and the Greek-Turkish feel-good factor", August 13). Such war of 1922". The 1941-45 Ustasha disagreement should be seen as genocide, perpetrated in the Independent State of Croatia, was relegated to an Orwellian memory hole.

Then Greater Croatia included, by the will of Hitler, all Bosnia-Memories of that reign of terror are the primary reason for the Serbs'



On the alert . . . Chinese troops in Huairou await the 40,000 delegates to the NGO Forum on Women, running in tandem with the UN women's conference. Unequal struggle, page 28 PHOTO: WILL BURGESS

### Rwanda sacks its Hutu prime minister

Chris McGreal In Bujumbura, Burundi

women) left me weak at the and stunned. For the titilis: professional ego or two, put WANDAN president Pasteur turned the utter despair of at: Bizimungu's dismissal of the prime minister on Monday exposed sessed, modest grandmothric peep show. To my sensibilities idening divisions between the greater violation than all the 'r. Hutu members of the coalition govasses" in all the world's table. ernment and the Tutsl-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front.

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Cooee Bay, Queensland, Austria The president's office said Mr wagiramungu was dismissed ecause "he has not lived up to | F Norman Cantor, in his: expectations and responsibilities" history of the Jews, says that President Bizimungu submitted a Jews are a superior people is: motion to the Tutsi-majority parliatually" he must be the exe ment for the prime minister's disthat proves, or disproves, the missal as one of a number of cabinet As Natasha Walter so well p changes. It was overwhelmingly out (Are Jews losing their see upported by the hand-picked MPs. identity?, August 27), there ough no new appointments were nasty dangers to this bid nounced. But other politicians in Nigali said Mr Twagiramungu had One answer to her dilental een dismissed to pre-empt his

> Either way, his departure will be blow to the RPF's efforts to porray the coalition government as

year's war, it appointed a Hutu from within its own ranks as president and made Mr Twagiramungu, one of the few experienced politicians in the new cabinet, prime minister in an effort to to show that the government was neither Tutsi nor RPF-

There was friction from the start The real power lay with the vicepresident, Paul Kagame, the RPF's military leader, who also became defence minister. Mr Twagira-mungu was known to be particularly concerned that the army, drawn mostly from the RPF, feels it self accountable to General Kagame and not the broader cabinet.

The prime minister has also voiced criticism of arbitrary arrests and revenge killings by those who survived the genocide, some of which the military has either particpated in or failed to prevent.

Evidence of the army's disdain for control came in April with the massacre of several thousand Hutu efugees at the Kibeho camp in south-west Rwanda. Not only did the army feel free to kill at random, out soldiers also were permitted to dispose of thousands of bodies and destroy other evidence. Even after an inquiry, there has been little acountability for the killings.

The massacre was a reflection of the growing remilitarisation because of the continuing threat of atnad-based. After the RPF won last tacks from refugee camps in Zaire,

of the defeated Hutu army remain But the prime minister and other members of the government increasingly suspected that the RPF was using the threat of renewed conflict to impose a form of martial aw. In many parts of Rwanda, what the army says goes, and it is rarely

The government has also failed to win credibility with the large numbers of Hutus within Rwanda or with refugees still in Zaire and Tanzania. The choice of Mr Twagiramungu's replacement and other cabinet appointments will indicate whether the RPF intends to tighten further its grip on government.

Zaire is threatening to resume the expulsion of Hutu refugees to Rwanda and Burundi after the United Nations failed to deliver on promises of a mass voluntary repatriation. The UN High Commis sioner for Refugees (UNHCR) admitted that "no significant numbers" had volunteered to return home, despite preparations to remove several thousand a day from camps in eastern Zaire. Only a few hundred of the more

than 1 million refugees had returned of their own accord since ast week, when Zaire halted the expulsions that had forced 15,000 people across the border in four days. Most Burundian refugees

### Nigeria brokers peace in Liberia

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Cindy Shiner in Monrovia

OR NEARLY six years Liberians have been walting for their warlords to make peace, but they were looking for the wrong handshake. It finally came from

The protracted bitterness beween the Nigerian government and Charles Taylor, leader of Liberia's National Patriotic Front, has been one of the largest impediments to posed to end the civil war by leading

regional peacekeeping force.
Mr Taylor finally put aside his fear of the Nigerians and travelled to the capital, Abuja, to sign a peace secord on August 19 with his Liber-

He appears to have forgiven the peacekeepers for preventing him rom seizing the executive mansion 1990, and it seems the Nigerians nave forgiven him for attacking heir troops in 1992.

"We have been able to allay the ears that were there before — that Nigeria wanted to kill Mr Taylor, which was not true, but we didn't see that," said Mr Taylor's spokesvoman, Victoria Reffell.

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RAN'S biggest official corruption trial ended with a senior bank official sentenced to death and two accomplices to life im-

A RGENTINE federal judge Leonidas Mouldes ordered a former SS captain, Erich Priebke, to be rearrested just 24 hours after he was released. He could be extradited to Germany to face war crimes charges after a court rejected an Italian request for his extradition.

PRESIDENT CLINTON has warned Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abachs, not to execute any of the alleged coup plotters convicted in secret trials in July.

SRI LANKAN police have de-tained 15 policemen and soldiers for questioning over the discovery of more than 20 badly decomposing bodies of young males in lakes and waterways close to Colombo.

ORE than 1 million Med-cans responded to a call by the Zapatista rebels to ratify their principal demands and determine the form of struggle, according to early voting results

LI UMAN rights organisations have been shocked by a French government plan to deport at least 20,000 illegal immigrants a year in charter Le Monde, page 1

THE FRENCH government's economic policy has been thrown into disarray after the prime minister, Alain Juppé, sacked his finance minister, Alain Madelin.

MMANUEL CONSTANT, once Haiti's most feared paramilitary commander, has appeared before a US immigration judge in Baltimore, Seeking a legal loophole to avoid deportation and a trial on charges of crimes against humanity, he swore he was a legitimate presidential contender in Haiti.

A BRITISH travel agent, Michael Clarke, aged 48, has denied promoting child prostitution in the Philippines at a preliminary court hearing in Olongapo, north of Manila.

## Saddam loses his royal ally

OPES for greater international pressure to hasten the downfall of Saddam Hussein have been boosted by powerful and unprecedented criticism by King Hussein of Jordan, once a key ally of

In a live speech on Jordanian television last week, the king accused him of plotting a new and "catainvasion of Kuwait and warned that he had to make big changes before crippling United Nations economic sauctions could end.

He stopped short of cutting trade ties or closing the horden but meded to halt oil purchases from Iraq — a potentially deadly blow to the counry's devastated economy

Britain and the United States, the leading hawks on sanctions, welcomed the address, which marked the king's transformation from dis-

Protests grow

in Polynesia

Paul Brown in Papeete, Tahiti

marched on Sunday through Pa-

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This was a courageous and significant speech, marking an important development in Jordanian policy," a Foreign Office statement said, reiterating Britain's "firm sup-port" for Jordan in the event of any

A US official said: "This is a dramatic shift in policy. It's a clear and public signal that the king has indeed made a strategic shift in his alliances. His speech is as close as you can get to an apology to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for his position during the Gulf war."

from Iraq, King Hussein said he was taking "precautionary" steps to search for alternative supplies in the event of any disruption. Diplomats said this represented a real signal of

frag sells about 75,000 barrels of oil a day to Jordan at much reduced prices in repayment for debts, in an

France's minister for overseas

territories, Jean-Jacques de Peretti,

arrived in Tahiti at the weekend, Al-

though here to officiate at the close

of the 10th South Pacific Games, Mr

de Peretti said he would meet local

leaders. He said French Polynesia

must prepare for life after nuclear

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On Sunday boats were still leav-

ing Papeete for the 640-mile voyage

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has ordered a study of the city's ex-

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The city's Mysteriously Falling
Crime Rate has sent criminologists urban crime. Whereas police forces in big US cities had accepted for less a striking exception than a dis-

around the world scurrying in decades that crime rates were pretty proportionate beneficiary of a na-

liani won office last year.

search of lessons to be drawn. The | much determined by economic con-

wards that future.

Jaws drop as Big Apple gets safer

wore stickers displaying the results to the test site. A government

of the latest opinion polls in France, | protest boat from the Cook Islands.

A woman passes a monument in Papeete set up by protesters

against France's nuclear tests in the South Pacfic PHOTO: MARCEL MOCHET

US attorney general, Janet Reno, ditions and other environmental fac-

it. Barely able to believe their good fortune, the duo have been quick to ping and searching more people led

liberal orthodoxy on the causes of rates falling broadly across Ameri-

streets to radical changes in the city's policing introduced when Giu-But criminologists have b

Kuwait has said it would be will ing to discuss replacing Iraq as oil supplier to Jordan, in support of fresh US efforts to raise pressure on the Iraqi government. A Kuwaiti of-ficial said last week: "Jordan is the lung of the Iraqi regime. The goal is to stop this regime breathing."

But other Gulf diplomats, still angry over Jordan's support for Iraq call for halting of cooperation during the invasion of Kuwait, were the UN disarmament official

Arab sources were dismayed by King Hussein's extravagant praise for Lieutenant-General Hussein romer armalia, the brains behind Iraq's secret military programmes, who shook Baghdad by defecting to Jordan last month, Gen al-Majid, with as brutal a record as most in the Ba'athist hierarchy, was accompanied by his brother, the former head of President Saddam's bodyguards, and their wives - the presi-

19. Peia Patai, navigator of the Te au

Otonga (Peace of the South) said

they were "disappointed that Great

Britain, the mother of the Common-

wealth, had not seen it as her duty

First of the 15 New Zealand peace

boats to arrive in Tahiti was the

Aquila D'Oro, a million-dollar boat

owned by a New Zealand QC, Peter

Williams, who had sailed it 3,000

A group of 70 MPs from Europe,

Japan, New Zealand and Australia is due in Tahiti to join another demon-

stration this week. A number of the

tors over which they had no control.

Bratton and Giuliani argued that by

cracking down on minor offences,

Bratton's theorists argued that

such tactics sent a "zero tolerance"

message to criminals contemplating more serious offences. His 30,000

more immediate and measurable

attribute the retaking of New York's to more drugs and weapons finds. deeper in the Iraqi interior

they could stop the deeper rot.

miles to join the protest.

to protest about renewed testing".

lraq, in its first reaction to speech, said Gen al-Majid hadi, alone in calling for an invasor Kuwait and eastern Saudi Arabi State television broadcast an

of a voice, which the announces was that of Gen al-Majid, wg; cabinet meeting to move qui and invade Kuwait and the car region of Saudi Arabia. The nouncer said Gen al-Maild was the only one in a cabinet meeting held during the crisis of Otto 1994 sparked by Iraq's massing troops near Kuwait's border the UN disarmament official ?

attack rivals

G UERRILLAS of the Kurdisa Workers' Party (PKK), the:

Turkish Kurdish separatist no

ment, have begun what appear:

be a violent campaign to entir

their growing presence in the no

ern-protected enclave of norbe

They launched simultanes

nulti-pronged attacks on Friday

Barzani's Kurdistan Democra

Party (KDP). The KDP controls

part of Iraqi Kurdistan adjaceti

the Turkish border and, unlike

rival, Jalat Talabani's Patriotic l'i-

of Kurdistan (PUK), has tried, #

Turkish appproval, to contain b

to start a new war in the area

The PKK, whose present! United Nations official describe

"above ground and visible" 20 223

before, has stressed that north

Iraq is a vital platform for its [3]

strategy, which alms to crede

Kurdish state embracing Tube

Sympathetic newspapers

openly published in Irbil, capit Iraqi Kurdistan, by Iraqi kuri

protege organisations. The leader, Abdullah Ocalan, soi k

month: This is the year of and

Iraq." KDP officials say this of

herald a drive to seize control

northern Iraq early this year have disrupted PKK operations.

many guerrillas simply took res

The PKK has profited into

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adversary has for years small tiously collaborated with E

wide tracts of it.

Arrests shot up by 25 per cent.

But criminologists have been loath to accept New York's no-non-sense model. Several point to crime rates falling broadly across American series and the radii intermediate in the tradi intermediate they contrast their own party the local Iraqi parties, which is any seek only paltry forms of the local Iraqi parties, which is any seek only paltry forms of the local Iraqi parties, which is any seek only paltry forms of the local Iraqi parties, which is a self-determination.

Irag. Iran and Syria.

David Hirst in Irbli,

northern Iraq

There was no criticism of eit. Iordan or the king in the Iraqiti In another sign that Preside Saddam's days may be number President Hosni Mubarak of Ec. has said he would grant policy asylum to the Iraqi leader if it m' spare bloodshed and suffering: also said that any decision to ethrow President Saddam was a: a "real woman". ternal affair that should be let:

Turkish Kurds

an agricultural community, follows the pattern established by The Archers, which began in 1951 as a unging agricultural methods.

The Archers first began."

Liz Rigby, former editor of The

story which people would really want to make time for.

Knotti, one of the producers, from her Nairobi office. They say: 'How can you mention things like this when I am sitting with my family. It is not fitting."—The Observer

#### GUARDIAN WEEKLY September 3 1995 Spill poisons Guyana river African radio

ORE than 120 miles of Guyana's Essequibo River was declared an environ-

mental disaster area by the govern-

ment last week as up to 300 million

gallons of cyanide-saturated sludge flowed downstream and engineers failed to stop more seeping from a

breached earth dam serving the

The World Health Organisation

of Bartica. They questioned the

Canadian mining company's water

sampling, which suggested that it

Omai goldm

soap takes aim at tribal folk

An Archers-style story is airing the grievances of Kenyan women, writes Charlotte Eagar

ITS AN everyday story of country folk, but not as Dan Archer would know it. Makena is plucking up courage to take an Aids test after her useless drunk of a husband, Niuke, is found to be HIV positive. Her 16-year-old daughter, Kathomi, has run screaming into the night after fighting off her grandmother who, with a group of cronies, wants to circumcise her and turn her into

The rural idyll of Kamantu (popuation 500) is a far cry from Ambridge, but as the setting for a twice-weekly radio soap — called Ndinga Nacio (Go On Then, Tell Me) — it has gained a similar cult

following in southern Kenya.

Regularly drawing more than million listeners, it has been so successful that Britain's Overseas Devel opment Administration (ODA) plans to go nationwide with a new radio oap along similar lines. For tribal easons, a new family set in a new ficitious village must be chosen.

The educational soap opera, set in neans of informing the British about

This kind of thing is a tremen dous vehicle for getting across in formation," said a spokesman for the ODA. "It's an agricultural extension programme and that is how

chers, who has been working as in adviser on the Kenya soap, said: Aid agencies have discovered the soap opera as an education medium. According to the KDP, PKKrs The story-lines are basically the rillas attacked in 20 places, fromb same. They are about human rela-Zakho region in the west with Barzan region in the east. A less bonships. It is just the context you set them against. One of my savourites, sponsored by Unicef in six civilians were killed. The M which says it drove back the Ighanistan, is all about teaching sailants, accused the PKK of the hildren not to tread on mines."

The Kenyan soap - part of the Rural Radio Programme — is the Idea of David Campbell of the Agri-culture Information Centre in Nairobi. The AIC started off with a magazine programme on agricul-ture, but found the audience it was

rying to reach was not tuning in.
"We wanted to get people involved on a continual basis," said Mr Campbell. "Way back, The Archers was 30 per cent propaganda, 15 per cent technical information, and the rest was story. Now The Archers has very little information and propaganda, but in Kenya 82 per cent of the population are on the land and farming. Most of them depend for

"We needed to try to reach the women who actually do most of the farming. They are terribly busy durng the day and don't get the time to sit and listen, so we had to create a

The programme generates an enormous postbag. It is mostly the men who complain, said Rose

water 45 miles downstream of the | ing seriously unconfirmed reports

"We don't know where the company has been sampling," Peter Carr of the WHO said. "Have they been sampling from the edge or the middle of the pollution? We don't know what the mix of the sludge is. We have no idea how fast the river will cleanse itself." He said Bartica was not at risk because it is at the onfluence of two unaffected rivers.

Guyanese health officials, supin Georgetown reported that the sludge had reached the main town ported by Canadian government toxcologists, said they were trying to carry out their own water sampling. The ban on drinking, fishing and bathing in the river would remain. The government said it was tak- | not enough. They are very ignorant | we were alarmist."

that carcasses of wild pigs and dead fish had been seen floating down

Meanwhile a flotilla of small boats and fire tenders has been mobilised to ferry water to communities along the river. Up to 5,000 people are believed to depend on the river, but there have been no confirmed reports of illness. There was mounting concern,

however, for the communities of Aarawak and other indigenous groups who depend on the river for "They don't know the dangers.

Telling them not to use the water is

of the dangers." Dearey Fox, the vice-president of the National Amerindian Council, said.

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It emerged last week that there have been at least four minor spills from the Omai goldmine in recent years and that despite warnings from environmentalists the company refused to conduct environmental or engineering audits.

The Amerindian community has been for years complaining of an increase in the incidence of malaria, stomach sickness and the effects of dredging and silting of rivers on their livelihoods," said Eric Huntley of Caribbean Environment Watch. "In the wake of a discharge . . . in March the Rainforest Consulting Association of Guyana called for the Omai mine to be closed while audits were done," he said. "We were told



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whose photo is pasted on the wall a They were to have met next week

Sir Patrick's promise of legisla-

tion to increase remission for con-

them, was intended to underline

Britain's readiness to take risks to

and was dismissed by Mr Adams as

will help him to persuade IRA hard-

liners that the ceasefire is worth it.

Ceaselire one year on, page 8



Martin Walker

URING the long flurry of dinner parties and cocktails and black-tie balls that have been given this summer to say farewell to the British ambassador. Sir Robin Renwick, one of his most fervent admirers in the Clinton administration offered this paradox: "He must be rated one of the best ambassadors ever sent here by any country. It's sad that he had to anend his time-repeatedly patching up the most troubled Anglo-American relationship since Suez."

One of Renwick's colleagues an openly envious envoy from another European country described the British ambassador as "so accomplished an undertaker that one could almost forget that he was presiding over the funeral of the special relationship".

It has certainly been a bumpy ride since Renwick arrived in 1991 to a US still glowing from the Gulf war victory in which British and US troops had fought side by side in the old, familiar way. But that was George Bush's Washington. The Clinton administration came into office with its Young Turks of the election campaign still seething over what they saw as the open partisanship by John Major's Conserva tive party for George Bush.

Then came the intense and recurrent rows over what to do in Bosnia, and over President Clinton's decision to give the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, a White House welcome. These took the headlines. But there were other underlying problems that added to the strainover the expansion of Nato, over the shape of a European defence community, over nuclear testing, and

over transatlantic trade relations. "The arguments got pretty intense at times, but you have to work through these things. And we have. On all the big international issues, on Bosnia and the Middle East and widening Nato and on Russia, there isn't really any daylight between us," Renwick says. "And on Northern Ireland, we should not be hypersensitive. A lot of the American if the peace process works, that's fine. If it doesn't and the IRA goes back to violence, there'll be no syn-

pathy for that in Washington". The conventional wisdom says that ambassadors are pretty small beer in global affairs these days. When President Clinton has something important to tell the British prime minister or the German chancellor, he can simply pick up the phone. In the office of the national security adviser, Tony Lake, there is one of those complex minipunches one button to get straight through to his counterpart in Down-

"Tony Lake's phone can't handle all the traffic. There's just too much going on. Ambassadors are supposed to deal with problems, and problems are a fact of diplomatic life," Renwick says. "There never was a period of warm, fuzzy glow between London and Washington. The challenge is to overcome them and if you cannot, to contain them.

"Our job in Washington is to be part of the US decision-making process, to put the British case wherever we can, in the White House, in the Pentagon and State Department, and in Congress. And it's probably pretty clear that early on in the Clinton administration we were not as successful as we are now.

"A lot of this is just the collegiate way the American system works. In centralised places like London or Paris, there tends to be much more of a party line, an agreed policy that runs across the various bits of gov-ernment and bureaucracy, and we all know what it is. In Washington, the policy-making debate is much more public. If the national security council INSC! says one thing, you still have to check with the Pentagon or State Department, let alone Congress."

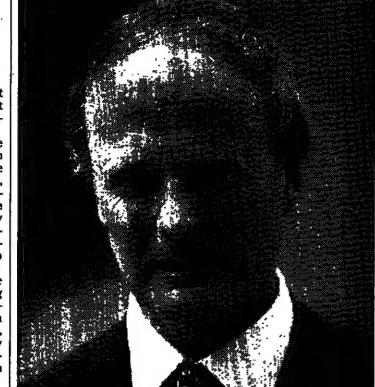
The classic example was the great Bosnia row in the spring of 1993, when the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, flew to Europe to persuade the Nato allies to back a policy of "lift and strike" - lifting the arms embargo on the Bosnians, and bombing the Serbs. Although the policy was strongly urged by the State Department and the NSC, Renwick warned London that support for it was soft. General Colin Powell at the Pentagon was dubious, and Clinton himself was nervous about the shallowness of domestic political support.

"The key to Bosnia has always been whether or not the US is willing to commit the 82nd Airborne. If they are, then a lot of things become possible that are unthinkable without US ground troops. And that first Bosnian crisis came while the Clinton administration was brand new and just settling in," Renwick recalls.

augurated, Renwick went back to London to give the Foreign Office grandees a briefing on what to expect of the new administration. He began by telling them that if they were in the US State Department, they would all be out of a job by now, as the new administration brought in its own appointees. In short, Renwick warned them to expect trouble. even apart from the way the end of the cold war had sharply reduced the strategic importance of Britain to US

One of Bush's advisers used to call it the telescope effect, with the US looking down one end to see a Lilliputian Britain, and the British ooking back at them and seeing Gulliver. Washington remains, in London's eyes, the most important bi-lateral relationship. Witness the way that Renwick's replacement, Sir John Kerr, is being promoted from running the British delegation to the European Union in Brussels to

the Washington embassy. It is the curse of the "special rela-



Renwick: 'Rated one of the best ambassadors ever sent to the US'

around the neck of Anglo-American relations like an albatross. Renwick tried to ban it from his embassy for the past four years, and although he knows the cause to be hopeless, is hoping finally to bury the cliché with what he calls "a turgid book" on the real history of it all next year His point is that rows and arguments have been the real history of the dealings between London and Washington throughout the post-

There never has been a period of calm accord and agreement Never," he told me on his final day in the embassy last week, just be fore he caught the flight home "People look back at the 1940s when Clement Attlee was prime minister and Harry Truman was president and Ernie Bevin was foreign secretary, and bathe it in a rosy glow of Marshall Plan and Nato.

"The reality was that Truman cut off Lend-Lease like a guillotine, care-less of the economic disaster this implied for Britain. Truman accepted the McMahon Act, which legally forbade the US from sharing nuclear technology with Britain, even though we had started the research which produced the atom bomb. And then Truman wrecked Bevin's Middle East diplomacy by insisting on recognising Israel. In 1948, it was so bad that my predecessor Oliver Franks was called home to be asked whatever had happened to the spe-

It was a question that British politicians were to ask with remark able frequency thereafter. In January of 1952, Winston Churchill made an impassioned personal appeal to Truman for Anglo-American cooperation in the great spirit of the econd world war, and I ruman dismissed him with scant courtesy. might pass that on to our advisers for further consideration." Churchill

tried to suggest, an automatic con-There was nothing special about the way that Kennedy waited a full week after learning of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba, before even

secret deal with Nikita Khrushchev in Cuba were withdrawn at once. arrangement. The Americans never oul-mate Margaret Thatcher about his decision to invade the island of Grenada, even though the Queen was nominally its head of state.

grateful John Kennedy. The long-delayed release of Britain's Cabinet papers belies the claim. There were bitter disputes over American insistence on being able to fire their Polaris missiles almost as soon as they left the quayside at Holy Loch, whatever the British government might splutter about the need for London's consent. There were rows about the Middle East, about Laos, about American threats to use nuclear

eapons against China. The supposed high summer of the special relationship was so cool that on the eve of the Cuban missile crisis, Macmillan doubted whether t meant anything at all, and sent the Foreign Office a questionnaire, asking them to define what it meant. It certainly did not include, as the FO sultation in the event of a crisis.

informing the British. By that time, American policy had been set. The limitations of Anglo-US intimacy were embodied in Kennedy's o resolve the Cuba crisis by agreeing to remove the US missile bases Turkey later, if the Soviet missiles Macmillan's memoirs say he would "never have consented" to such an pothered to tell him. Nor did Ronald Reagan bother to tell his supposed

The real surprise is how strongly the US-British link still binds, despite all the logical reasons for its enfeeblement. The nuclear relation-Thank you, Mr Prime Minister. We ship persists, despite being so utterly one-sided. Britain's dependence on US technology and dewas devastated by the rebuff, sign, of warheads as well as recorded Evelyn Shuckburgh, private secretary to Anthony Eden at The missiles themselves are bought submarines, is almost complete. The missiles themselves are bought the Foreign Office.

The official legend has it that Anglo-American relations were rarely better than when Harold Macmillan patched up the rows over Suez with President Elsenhower, his old wartime comrade in arms, and submarines, is almost complete. The missiles themselves are bought direct from the US production lines. And yet, despite the oddity of a nuclear superpower voluntarily complicating its nuclear diplomacy and decision-making by such generosity to a down-at-heel old chum, it continues. Equally important is the in-

stitutional link between the USz. The Week in Britain James Lewis British intelligence services, lock into the chain of global electric." In American eyes, the most ist Irish peace talks dry up eavesdropping stations.

portant bi-lateral relationships at with Japan, China and Russia. May as British drought ends of the US foreign policy establish ment would put relations with Ge many ahead of those with Britis THE CEASEFIRE in Northern and are openly irritated by Britis Treland was on a knife-edge this been inspired by a radical New Age foot-dragging over Europe and b week as the widening gap between British pretensions to play a great Loudon and Dublin forced the postrole than its unimpressive econom ponement of a planned summit meeting between John Major and Still, there is no other ambassale his Irish counterpart, John Bruton.

each of the White House secure but because of the lack of common posts. This dates from an emba ground between the two governrassing evening early in the Clinic ments, are now unlikely to do so administration, when he was hosing until later in the month.

a galaxy of heads of state to con. The impasse results from memorate the opening of the Hole Britain's insistence that all-party caust museum. The new protect constitutional talks cannot begin staff were overwhelmed, a thunds until some progress has been made storm was pelting down, and point the decommissioning of IRA thetic knots of ambassadors of IRAs waspons. Gerry Adams, president foreign ministers and other luming of IRAs political wing, Sinn Fein, acies huddled outside the Implant used Britain of "trying to win a vic-guard posts, unable to get in.

Renwick clambered damply had out get through conflict", and

into his Rolls-Royce, and called the national security adviser. Together, an international incident was been an international incident was been as and the Northern Ireland ing. Lake came down with his an Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, is brella, and the next day. Clinton expected to go ahead in an attempt ordered Renwick's picture distribute to break the deadlock, but the signs uted to the security guards as "the are not promising. The former man who always gets in". Public Premier, Albert Reynolds, man who always gets in". who was one of the brokers of the

■ HE Americans also medi oaselire, warned that the price of Renwick with fending offs iff political inactivity would be n rewith Beijing. The Whit sumption of armed conflict. House protocol team were aga: overwhelmed by the funeral d Richard Nixon in California, and vz. victed terrorists, which will mean ous international dignitaries were carly release for more than 100 of left to their own devices. Having sorted out hotels and transport ad access for Sir Edward Heath, Re- tosure the survival of the peace process. But it infuriated Unionists, wick then came across another ba fled and homeless figure. It was inadequate. He needs more "confi-dence-building" concessions that China's deputy prime minister. Rewick found room for him too.

Mrs Thatcher likes to tell story of how she insisted on promeing Renwick despite Foreign Office objections that he was too junior. He had caught her eye in helping to solve the Rhodesian crisis, and in pressed her even further in hebity hammer out the cut in British share of the European Community budget. (Less well known is that Renwick's wife Annie, from a Corsi can family, gave French conversition lessons to Mrs Thatcher) But how, it was asked, could a country to the conversion of the conversion o his real triumph for Thatcher 185 as the state of the wettest this century where he became the discrete thonest broker who helped 1800 to the wettest this century but he was a saccu, could a country as wet as Britain — last winter as one of the wettest this century run out of water? Ministers the discrete that he was a consumers for wasting it, but the waste of consumers for wasting it,

where he became the discrett honest broker who helped score the release of Nelson Mandela.

Just before Renwick left, he loda final hour-long chat with Clinton, with whom he had become very friendly. The relationship had ken sealed over an early private dinors, sealed over an early private dinors, at a low ebb in the new president fortunes. The atmosphere very large the companies had spent about the fortunes. The atmosphere very large the consumers for wastery Minister's but hey and Opposition MPs casting allowing up to 35 per cent of the supply (826 million gallons a day) to run to leak the companies had spent about the low president at a low ebb in the new president at a low fortunes. The atmosphere vs. gloomy. Then Renwick told the discovering that his secretaries state and defence were pursular record profits and reaping large divisions and plants and reaping large divisions ing. The trouble with this administration is that the right hand doesn't know what the extreme right wielsh companies to compensate doing. Clinton laughed, and feet 18 million affected consumers.

So far, only one has agreed. got on well thereafter. Renwick's last act before relief last week was to dissuade the White

church in California. The rave "Planetary Mass" NOS, with its worrying echoes of David Koresh, had been visited by many members of the church hierarchy, apparently untroubled by the rock music, disco lights, banks of television screens and dry ice. They saw only a man who pulled in youthful congregations of 300-plus (and donations amounting to £300,000).

As Mr Brain was admitted to hospital for voluntary psychiatric treatment, stories emerged of mental, emotional - and sexual - manipulation; of masturbation and massage with women members; of condoins on altars, and services with sexual overtones. Sheffield diocesan authorities wriggled, claimed that NOS had not until recently been accountable to the church, and set up helplines and a secret sanctuary for counselling women followers who, it admitted, were part of "a very damaged community"

PLANS to sell the West Coast main railway line between London and Glasgow have been dropped until after the general election because the £1 billion necessary to modernise it has proved difficult to raise. In its present rundown state, i is unlikely to attract buyers.

The Government was aiming to sell more than half the rall franchises by April next year, but that target is now unattainable. This delighted Labour, which has campaigned to keep the railways in public hands. The party now hopes that an incoming Labour government could find large chunks of the network still in the public sector.

THE PRESS was warned by Lord Wakeham, chairman of the RAIN and lower temperatures brought relief to some parched Press Complaints Commission, not reas of Britain last week but did to invade the privacy of Prince thing to stem the tide of criticism William when he starts school at Eton this month, and not to treat him like "a soap star or a football for shortages and hosepipe bans. hero". Though destined to become king, he was a boy like any other.

Lord Wakeham denied he had acted at the behest of Buckingham Palace, and said he had heard reports that some papers were already offering pupils at Eton cash for information on the prince's activities. The journalists' trade union said the commission was acting as a public relations agency for the royal family.



A young participant performs at the carnival PHOTOGRAPH ANDREWTESTA dents and nine knife attacks.

### Carnival hits the big 30

RIC Aymes first visited the Notting Hill carnival shortly after arriving from Barbados in the sixties, writes Alex Bellos. Ten years later, he brought his daughter. On Sunday, 65-year-old Mr Aymes introduced his grandchildren to the Caribbeanstyle festival which turns a few square miles of west London into the northern hemisphere's largest street party

"Of course, the coloured people are now outnumbered, but I think it has kept its original spirit," he says. "Its roots were in the West Indies, but we don't confine it to that any more. I tell my grandchildren it is a European carnival."

The event, which was celebrating its 30th birthday, attracted more than a million people to see the multi-coloured processions with floats blasting out Soca (an abbreviation of soul and calypso), live bands and blaring sound systems.

Thousands of people spent nonths preparing elaborate costumes and intricately choreographed dances that were judged by a panel as the procession moved on to a stage built along the route.

The carefree weekend atmos phere was marred late on

### Slump blamed for record divorces

▲ ARRIAGE guidance counsel-ARRIAGE guidance course, lors believe the recession is partly to blame for the UK divorce rate reaching an all-time high. New government statistics on

marriage in England and Wales in 1993 continue the trend of the last decade: fewer people are marrying, marriage break-ups. those who do are older, and more are divorcing.

For the first time in 50 years the number of marriages fell below 300,000, a decrease of 4 per cent compared with 1992. The number o divorces (decrees absolute) rose 3 per cent to 160,000, the most yet. This means the divorce rate - the number of husbands and wives divorcing per 1,000 of the married population - now stands at 13.9, 14 per cent higher than a decade ago. There was one group, however, where the U Just over half of all marriages had

under 30 and wives under 25.

Denise Knowles, of Relate, the counselling service, said: "The figures are not surprising, but they are concerning because they show peo

ple are still not getting it right."

She said the high level of home repossessions in 1993, a result of the recession, was a significant factor i

First-time brides and grooms are on average three years older than a decade ago: men are aged 28.2 and women 26.2. Of those born in 1961, 62 per cent of men and 74 per cent of women had married by the age of 30. Of those born in 1951 the corresponding proportions were 78 per cent and 88 per cent.

Other points from the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys

divorce rate was down — husbands | a civil ceremony and 49 per cent

The average ages of husbands and wives who divorced in 1993 were 37 and 35 respectively, one year older than their counterparts in 1983.

☐ The average length of marriages which ended in divorce in 1993 was 9.8 years, compared with 10.1 years 🗅 In 1993 there were 95,000 divorc-

ing couples with children under the Of all the divorces granted to one

partner in 1993, 72 per cent were awarded to wives, a proportion unchanged for years. ☐ Fifty-four per cent of all divorces

granted to wives were for husbands' cent for adultery.

#### Births outside marriage rise

is married, according to the latest official figures which suggest that the atigma once attached to having childiminished, David Brindle reports.

show that the proportion occurring outside marriage had reached 66.1 per cent in south-east London, and 61.2 per cent in Liverpool,

Almost as few as one in 12 preg-

BARELY one in three pregnant | rate of teenage pregnancy — down to 8.5 conceptions per 1,000 girls aged 13 to 15, compared with 9.3 in 1991 and 10.1 in 1990.

Ministers will also be relieved at a Howing of the growth in the h of pregnancies outside marriage. In Statistics on conceptions in 1992 | 1992, 44.4 per cent of conceptions were among unmarried women, up from 43.7 per cent in 1991 but rising and quickly proved popular with per cent in north Manchester, 63.3 | much less fast than the rapid increase from 30 per cent in 1982.

The figures, from the Office of nancles outside marriage led to the | show that of 828,000 conceptions in traditional outcome of childbirth | England and Wales in 1992, 19.3 per after a hurrled wedding. Fifty-eight | cent ended by abortion — the lowper cent resulted in a child being est proportion since 1987 — while 31.9 per cent led to births outside

Cartoonist Giles dies

THE cartoonist Carl Giles, whose work graced the Daily and Sunhas died aged 78 after several years of ill-health, writes Helen Nowicka.

readers for his comic depictions of life in wartime Britain. He was awarded the OBE in 1959 although colleagues say he was often dissatisfied with his work.

He was most famous for creating the Giles family, ruled by its fear-some black-clad, umbrella-wielding Grandma, who was rumoured to be based on the late Lord Beaverbrook.

in October last year -

David Sharrock on a vear that changed life in Northern Ireland

T WAS on a sultry evening in August that the sculpture of the peace dove was torn down. It had been placed on a plinth where once stood a statue of "Roaring" Hugh Hanna, a fiery 19th century Protestant preacher who specialised in inciting sectarian violence against

A loyalist crowd dragged the dove away and smashed it into pieces. It had survived a mere four days. Explanations for the attack included the fear that it was a new Sinn Fein symbol. The IRA blew up Roaring Hugh in 1970. Now some loyalists want to restore him to his

The destruction of an international symbol of peace in a land where flags and emblems hold such a tight grip on people's lives says much about the state of the newfound peace in Northern Ireland. This week the IRA's "complete cessation of military operations"

The IRA has not surrendered, but it has maintained discipline to a remarkable degree. At the most pessimistic estimate, based upon an average of politically-motivated murders in recent years, nearly 100 lives have been spared.

The absence of the murder and bombing campaigns has touched the lives of everybody, transforming social life in a way that still seems quite miraculous if one pauses to recall the fear that coursed through empty streets in the days after the Shankill and Greysteel massacres nearly two years ago.

The return to normality means no more body and bag searches at shop entrances. No more looking under cars for booby traps. Peace is popular, the people love it. Even the activists recognise this.

It feels like peace, but is it real? Why does a statue of a dove inspire such violent emotion? Why has the

HE proportion of students gain-

and English has dropped this year.

raising questions about perfor-

mance in two of the three core na-

the examination boards showed that

56.9 per cent of the candidates in

English gained passes at grades C

or above, compared with 58.2 per

The percentage of maths candi-

dates gaining these grades - equiv-

alent to the old O level - was 44.8

per cent, compared with 45.9 per

The poorer results in subjects

central to a good education took the

shine off an otherwise creditable

year, in which overall averages im-

the proportion of students gaining C

grades or above across all subjects

was lower than the annual average

improvement of 2 per cent since

GCSE was introduced seven years

ago, but this may have been ex-plained by a surge in the numbers

A 0.1 percentage point increase in

Statistics published last week by

tional curriculum subjects.

cent last year.

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sitting the exam.

ing high GCSE grades in maths

RUC, in one summer month alone, spent £2 million on policing parades, some of which rewarded television camera crews with images of hint that the national question will surge in arson attacks on Orange halls and churches?

Part of the answer is that, as Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams has observed. peace is not simply the absence of war. The foundations of a political settlement which can secure the support of a deeply divided community must be put firmly in place.

While doubts persist that agreement is achievable, the search for it - a year after the IRA said it was halting the armed struggle "in order to enhance the democratic peace process" — has not even begun.

Six weeks after the IRA called its ceasefire the loyalist paramilitaries - a much less cohesive force - followed suit. The mystery deepened. The political objectives of the loyalist and republican paramilitaries are irreconcilable.

The tide of suspicion has ebbed and flowed from one side to the other ever since. The unionists ask with turning the IRA's original plan why the IRA should stop if there for a three-month ceasefire into was no deal and wonder if they something far more meaningful, could trust a government which had lied to them about its secret con-

Maths and English exam scores dip

ssional teachers".

Lord Henley, the education minis-

ter, said it was one of the best sets

of results since the GCSE replaced

O levels. He attributed it to "hard

work and determination from stu-

dents, combined with excellent

preparation from dedicated and pro-

The small drop in the proportion

f higher grades in maths and Eng-

But David Blunkett, the shadow

education secretary, said the fall

was the result of five years of chop-

ping and changing by successive ed-

Roy Ashley, president of the

Maths Association, doubted there

had been any real deterioration is

performance at his subject. Last

year ministers thought too many B

grades had been awarded to weaker

candidates sitting the less exacting

of the two maths options. Political

pressure had forced the boards to

GCSE results came out a day

portion of 16-year-olds staying in

full-time education is falling for the

after evidence showed that the pro- US, where rates of more than 90 per

cent are achieved.

be stricter this time.

lish should be reversed after revi-

sions to the national curriculum are

mplemented next year, he said.

bloody confrontation? Why the be seriously addressed for the first time since partition, and on which it does not intend to deliver.

to use the gun and the bomb which

must be decommissioned rather

For some six months the issue

has thwarted progress towards Sinn

Fein's goal of a place at the table

The former Irish Prime Minister,

Unionist leader resigns at 75

AMES MOLYNEAUX, left, re- | Declaration and subsequent

Albert Reynolds, who is credited

U signed on Monday as leader of the Ulater Unionist Party,

writes Ian Graham of PA.

The veteran MP, 75 on

Sunday, made his announce-

ment in a low-key manner. Many

close parliamentary colleagues were stunned by his decision.

However, there had been

growing speculation that he would go before the end of the

year after criticism in some party

circles of his handling of affairs

His so-called special relation-

ship with John Major failed to stop the Downing Street

workforce qualified to meet the in-

century are in jeopardy.

per cent in 1994/95.

ternational challenges of the 21st

The Institute of Education at Lon-

don University says in research findings — yet to be published —

that the percentage of 16-year-olds

choosing to stay in full-time educa-

tion in England dipped unexpect-

edly during the last academic year.

After growing at an average of 4 per

cent from 1987 to 1993, it fell by 1

The findings raise serious doubts

about national education targets an-

nounced earlier this year by Michael

Heseltine, the deputy prime minister

getting two A levels or the equiva-

cation research, the participation

rate of 16-year-olds in full-time edu-

cation peaked in 1993/94 at just

first time in a decade. It suggests that the Government's targets for a of England were 16-20 per cent Scotland—has opted out.

lent by the age of 21 in 2000.

- including a goal of 60 per cent

According to the Institute of Edu-

since the IRA ceasefire.

than the weaponry itself.

when all-party talks begin.

None of this appears to have moved the Government an inch. It was only because of American pres-Their evidence is the British insure that Sir Patrick finally agreed sistence that the IRA must begin the to meet Mr Adams in Washington in process of letting go of its weaponry. Both the Prime Minister, April. President Clinton has not bro-April. President Clinton has not broken ranks with Mr Major over the need for a gesture on arms to be made by the IRA to demonstrate good faith, although Mr Clinton said that he would like to see talks taking place by the time of his visit to both parts of Isaland in November.

gai weapons and explosive HE mimal rights protester. Northern Ireland," Mr Major Lill Phipps, who died under "Peace cannot be assured for a lorry during a until the paramilitaries on the weapons. It is a difficult issue but it cannot have made by the IRA to demonstrate going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the major Lill Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. In Phipps, who died under going to be removed from the mimal rights protester. John Major, and the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, have reiterated this precondition to full talks in the past week. Yet the army and the RUC place no importance on the issue of weapons handover. Even in the Northern Ireland Close analysis of documents Office senior officials privately beieve that it is the will and intention

cember 1993.

British before the Downing Street Declaration was published in De-

show that the Government's insistence on decommissioning does pre-date the Downing Street Declaration. Sinn Fein was informed of it in November 1993 in the last secret communication sent by the Government before the contact was broken off. The eight-point document describes the purpose of exploratory dialogue as being "to examine the practical consequences of the end-

ing of violence". A seemingly innocuous phrase to which Sinn Fein apparently paid scant attention, it did not surface again until nearly two years later -

Framework Documents, drawn

Governments, from being far too

nationalist and anti-unionist in

the eyes of many. His insistence

that Northern Ireland's place

within the UK was safe was re-

peatedly questioned as debate on the documents continued.

The statement ending his 16-

year reign as party leader stated:

"Yesterday, on my 75th birth-day, I decided to resign the lead-

ership of the Ulster Unionist

Party to make way for a succes-

sor to prepare the party for the

in the north to stay in education.

Meanwhile the row over grant-

centre of the political battleground

after John Major said he wanted all

Leaders of the grant-maintained

could never work without legisla-

tion to make opting out compulsory

or to remove the obligation on gov-

ernors to ballot parents. They said

they were confident this would form

But Mr Blunkett moved quickly

to discourage any more schools

from opting out before the election

by firming up Labour's commitment

"There will be no continuation of ad-

ditional capital or double counting

nounced a review to establish why

of revenue budgets from the day I

part of the Conservatives' next elec-

general election."

self-governing

tion manifesto.

cation peaked in 1993/94 at just become Education Secretary. Any over 72 per cent. This amounted to a school that believes it could dash

big improvement on the 1986/87 for grant-maintained status and

rate of under 47 per cent, but lest | carry it through after we get in will

England lagging far behind Germany, France, Denmark and the

be gravely mistaken.

The Government last week an-

cent are achieved.

The report noted big regional opting-out has failed in Scottish schools. Since 1989 only one school

up by the British and Irish

But the IRA has not gone is incomes on the lottery than Mr Adams reminded the world other social groups. cently. Another secret down earlier this year shed new light

a united 32-county socialist reproduced that he was gay. Mr had not changed. But it adm. Barrymore, who had been the that "republicans at this time as: target of repeated innuendos in their own do not have the successional press, revealed his to achieve the end goal". true sexuality in a late-night
It took another four month radio interview. bring the ceasefire to realist \ Another year later and the que?

of whether or not the violence A POLICE sniffer dog has ended permanently remains a killed one of the mythical swered. The people of Northern: protectors of the monarchy — a land remain torn between hope the at the Tower of London.

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publicly-funded schools to opt out of local authority control and become school movement said his proposal

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cuse them of signing up to are HE National Lottery could ition of the partitioned sixes. The making the poor poorer, statelet in return for the right is according to public health expire to a united Ireland. The parperts Researchers at the new suits-and-filofaxes image Landon School of Hygiene and provided plenty of ammunition Tropical Medicine said the lot-leadership has swapped the tery widened inequalities of inmalite for the Samsonite, the come because the poor spent a war for the long lunch.

But the IRA has not gone is incomes on the lattery than

the ceasefire. An April 1994 into IIE television entertainer briefing paper stated that the ge. Michael Barrymore an-

according to legend, the monardywill fall unless a full compleuni of six ravens is on guard at depalace. The dog killed the bird during a security check.

SCIENTISTS have moved a step nearer to using animal IGHLY selective single stages for transplant into huselenge, topped this year's interest dent schools A level league to be written Donald MacLead.

Only two of the top 20 are one back to be selected to

about their academic standing.

The six top ranked independent of the monumentally vacuous—

are boys' schools, though risschools improved their ranker.

Westminster, in third place.

girls in the sixth form.

Four schools — Winchester.

Faul's, Westminster and Electric Brian Tobin received an affisive welcome in Newlyn, dent schools, ordered by average dent schools, ordered by average level score per pupil, since it was a fashing dispute with Species.



It was, said Jenny Eclair, 'a blow for womanhood, for cellulite, for bodies that are falling apart, everywhere'. Eciair, a 35-year-old Lancastrian, on Sunday became the first woman to win the annual Perrier Award, the Oscar of the comedy world, at the Edinburgh Festival. Eclair's show, Prozac And lantrums, is a non-stop blast of super-bitchery, in which she is 'as dirty and as rude as possible'

## Army jail for young offenders

corrective training centra -MCTC)\*.

MCTC Colchester, which cur-

the traditional army glasshouses.

Although it is no longer the sadistic

institution of the 1950s, it is a uni-

physical exercise.

t all possible backing."

tary punishment systems.

**Duncan Campbell** 

OUGH military discipline for young offenders is being con-sidered by the Government under a scheme which would see civilians sent to an army "glasshouse", according to private correspondence between the Defence Secretary and the Home Secretary.

The move, described as "quite extraordinary" by penal experts last week, represents the latest attempt by Michael Howard to introduce a harsh punishment regime. The scheme would go beyond the Government's plans to introduce American-style "boot" camps for young offenders, the first of which is due to open next year in Cheshire.

Home Office and Defence ministers are discussing the glasshouse scheme - so called after the original military prison, which had a glass roof — but the Defence Secre-tary, Michael Portillo, has warned form-based regime with a heavy emagainst the "military ethos" of an armed forces punishment centre

being diluted by a civilian element. Details of the Home Secretary's latest plans for young offenders have emerged in a letter sent by Mr Portillo to Mr Howard last month. The letter, seen by the Guardian, is

ian young offenders in the military Queen's Regulations and I am not prepared to do anything which would detract from or dilute the Home Office officials have visited present very high standards and military ethos which are the corthe army's punishment centre in Colchester, Essex, to assess the differences between the civil and milinerstones of its success."

Ann Widdecombe, the Home Of-It emerged last month in a sepa fice minister responsible for prisrate development that that the Govons, met Nicholas Soames, the ernment is considering privatising the MCTC. A feasibility study is armed forces minister, on July 25 to discuss the issue, according to the under way to establish how far priletter. They are determining vatisation could go, given that the whether there are any legal obstaestablishment operates under milicles. A report on potential problems tary law and Queen's regulations. was due on August 8. and to see whether the Ministry of Defence budget would benefit.

The letter hints that the armed forces have reservations about the scheme. "Not unexpectedly there appear to be more limitations on our rently has 91 inmates, is the last of side than yours," writes Mr Portillo. Defence sources indicate that there is resistance to the idea of civilian offenders arriving in a military system and the effect it could phasis on discipline, cleanliness and have on discipline.

In his letter to Mr Howard, Mr The move was attacked by the National Association of Probation Portillo says: "The proposal has Officers. "Putting young convicted civilians under military rule is quite much to commend it and I shall give But the next sentence could be extraordinary," said Harry Fletcher, of the association. "They have been seen as a coded snub: "You will apconvicted by civilian courts, not by preciate, however, that the MCTC Colchester is founded on the

#### Greenpeace used us, TV editors say

**Andrew Culf** 

BROADCASTERS were bounced into giving Greenpeace, the enable coverage in its campaign to prevent the dumping of the Brent Spar oil platform, television news executives admitted at the weekend.

Greenpeace's media offensive including the provision of film footage of its occupation of the platform — resulted in one-dimensional coverage by BBC and ITN, delegates at the Edinburgh national television festival were told.

Richard Sambrook, the editor of BBC newsgathering, said Greenpeace was the most professional pressure group — and both news organisations stressed the need for clearer rules as the Greenpeace flotilla heads towards Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific.

Mr Sambrook said: "I think in some sense over Brent Spar we were had . . . we need to wake up."

Greenpeace, which persuaded Shell to abandon plans to dump the structure in the Atlantic, runs a 24hour news operation equipped with its own film crews, editing suites

and satellite technology.

Mr Sambrook said: "There was never enough distance between ourselves and the participants."

Greenpeace had spent £350,000 on TV equipment and feeds, far more than the BBC could have afforded. "This particular David is not armed with a slingshot so much as an AK-47," he said.

David Lloyd, Channel 4's senior commissioning editor of news and current affairs, said: "On Brent Spar we were bounced. This matters we all took great pains to represent Shell's side of the argument. By the time the broadcasters tried to intervene on the scientific analysis, the story had long since been spun far, far into Greenpeace's direction.

"The pictures provided to us showed plucky helicopters riding into a fusillade of water cannons. Try and write analytical science into that to the advantage of the words."

Richard Titchen, director of public affairs for Greenpeace, said he would consider using a pooled cameraman selected by the broadcasters on future campaigns, but criticised news companies for not taking the initiative. "I would like them to have their own ship and crew. There were more broadcasters wanting to come to the South Pacific than we had space for."

neglecting their health. Women

## Middle-aged worry about job security

THE stereotype of Britain's postwar generation ageing gracefully into a life of leisure and luxury has failed to materialise, according to new research which suggests that people in the latter half of their careers are anxious, preoccupied about the future, and disenchanted

with the world of work. Changing employment practices and growing job insecurity have contributed to an increasing sense of unease in the 45 to 64 age group, the research suggests.

In the spring quarter of last year, redundancy rates among the over-50s rose for the first time | greater emphasis on productivity | ing themselves so hard that they are | per cent of men.

that they did not have enough money, and a tenth lacked long-

When they were asked about the future, there were further signs of unease. More than 40 per cent were worried that they would have insufficient money for a comfortable lifestyle over the next five years, while almost a third of men were afraid they might lose their jobs.

erm financial security.

Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager, said the introduction of new technology and

had been unsettling for people who work among this age group."

Last month research by Age Concern highlighted the financial privations of pensioners. The charity said that pensioners were almost £35 a week short of the income needed to maintain a reasonable lifestyle.

The Mintel research shifts the spotlight back a stage — to those who will become the next generation of pensioners. . !

The pattern is most clearly drawn living frenetic lives, Many are exert-

consistently enjoy less leisure time than men, but the differential be-The marketing analysts, Mintel, had grown up in an era when jobs age of 45. On average they had 34 interviewed 1,376 adults aged 45 to were for life. "There appears to be hours leisure time a week, com-64. Of those, one in five complained disenchantment with the world of pared with 41 for men of the same Part of the reason for this in-

equality is that as they get older women increasingly become caught in a double bind of having to perform both paid and domestic work.

Compared with their male equivalents, women in the aurvey took less exercise, smoked more and felt more harried. One in five aged 55 to 64 said they were often too rushed to eat a proper meal, and a similar for older women, who appear to be | proportion reported health problems - slightly more than the 17

The outcry around the

world over the killing of

a 12-year-old worker has

sparked a bitter debate.

VEN before Monday's murderous shell slammed into a Sarajevo market place, it was obvious that the reconstituted United States negotiating team, resuming its shuttle diplomacy, only had a tenuous prospect of a political breakthrough towards a Balkan settlement. The deaths of at least 34 men, women and children, with many more hadly wounded and maimed, can only reduce those prospects further. Of course it is tempting to argue, with Haris Siladjic the Bosnian prime min-ister, that the peace talks must be suspended unless and until Nato retaliates against the Serbs. But it is wrong. Far from allowing this new tragedy to halt or even delay the search for peace, the effort must be maintained and redoubled. There is no other way of ending such senseless suffering. To interrupt the peace effort would be to give in to terrorism. It has to be rejected — just as the Israeli government has refused to be intimidated by the Hamas murder campaign to halt the Middle East

Together with justified condemnation of the Sarajevo shelling, there is a case for arguing that the negotiators will only he able to exercise any authority over the warring factions if they also order air strikes against the perpetrators. Robin Cook, the UK shadow foreign secretary, is among those who have made a strong case for retaliation. Yet he was emphatic that it first had to be confirmed that the Bosnian Serbs were responsible. Even if this can be proved - it has not always been possible with previous incidents - we believe it would be wiser to hold off at least until the US negotiators have renewed contact with Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic.

In the convoluted terms of the Balkan conflict, this latest outrage might prove just enough to per-suade the Serbian leader into finally abandoning the Bosnian Serbs and into supporting the peace proposals now on offer from the Americans. It must be obvious to Belgrade that Monday's viclence will only stiffen the Bosnian government's resistance to the concessions which the present US formula also demands from Sarajevo, and that peace and the end to economic senctions will become still more elusive.

The peace on offer from the United States is a far cry from what the Bosnians had expected from their powerful ally. True, it has a face-saving device for preserving Bosnia's sovereignty, which would have to be recognised by Serbia. The goal of the Greater Serbia would have to be abandoned, at least for now. Sarajevo would not only lose control over almost half its territory, but is also being pressed to give up Gorazde as an untenable pocket within a future Bosnian Serb administered area. A weakened Bosnian government, anchored in the Bosnian-Croat federation, would have to depend on the goodwill of big brother in Zagreb — not the most trustworthy of prospects. Bosnia's military commander, General Delic, has condemned the US plan as lacking both head and tail; he insists that the only road for a worthy Bosnia is to continue the fighting. President Alija Izetbegovic must be persuaded to heed saner, less blood-

#### Harry Wu goes back home

ARRY WU is guilty — or so he pleaded. It was a sensible move because he knew his case is part of a much larger drama. The players include Hillary Clinton and President Jiang Zemin, with discordant choruses provided by the People's aberation Army in Belling and Newt Gingrich plus friends in Washington. A deal which provided for his early release - thus allowing Ms Clinton to attend the Beijing women's conference -- depended on not upsetting the official myth that he had stolen state secrets. Last week the strategy worked: old prison hands like Mr Wu know well enough when it is expedient to admit one's guilt to

The move slightly mends the disarray of US-China relations. Mr Clinton's China policy, never very clear in its objectives, had been thrown into worse confusion by the initiative of the New Right in forcing him to allow President Lee Teng-hul of Taiwan to pay his "private" visit to the US in June: | in crises.

It was no secret that the State Department had argued strongly against approval. This went down very badly in Beijing where Mr Jiang, earlier in the year, had made a moderately worded offer of negotiations with Taiwan — to which Mr Lee at the time responded positively. With Mr Jiang now vulnerable to pressure from the Chinese armed forces and Communist Party hardliners, the arrest of Harry Wu soon after the Lee visit to the US came at the

worst possible time. No doubt Mr Wu was guilty of breaking severa Chinese laws although not the ones of which he was accused. Seeking to expose human rights abuses, he entered the country more than once on a tourist visa or masqueraded as a businessman. He could have been charged with violating immigration regulations or with making false entries in a hotel register. These offences might have merited a fine or even a short period in jail. Instead he has been tried -- in a closed hearing with no proper report of the proceedings - on vague charges of "illegally obtaining state secrets and engaging in criminal activities" for which no evidence has ever been cited. If his revelations are "all lies" how can they be state secrets? But that is irrelevant to his verdict which had evidently been decided outside the courtroom — along with his release.

Ending this affair may mean that Mr Jiang is able to hold his own against the Party conserva-tives, but the history of US-China tension goes deeper and is not so easily repaired. The US no longer needs Chinese friendship in the great anti-Soviet crusade for which Richard Nixon first enlisted their support, nor does Beljing require US help in emerging from isolation and joining the world on equal terms. In the present end-of-regime mood in Beijing, past suspicions of US cold war intentions are easily revived. In Washington, there is a new vogue for the old images of China's alleged "expansionist" designs on its neighbours Ironically there is now better reason to look warib on the growth of Chinese power than there was during the decades of western "coutainment". We may be paying now for the folly then of locking China out of the world system.

### For whom the wedding bells toll

■ NEVITABLY the latest UK official statistics, which show people waiting longer before marriage, produced a splash headline in London last week: "Official: Marriage is Now on the Rocks". Well not quite. Certainly men and women are now on average three years older when they marry than a decade ago. Average ages for men and women in 1993 were 28.2 and 26.2 respectively. Certainly crude marriage rates — marriages per 1,000, unmarrieds aged 16 and over — are at their lowest level since records began in 1840. And certainly the divorce figures show a reduction in the average length of marriage before divorce (now 9.8 years) and an increase in the numbers divorcing with children under the age of 16 (95,000 couples

Yet marriage statistics remain a two-way mirror. Moralists shrink in horror from the now-familiar statistics: the one in three births outside marriage; two out of five marriages ending in divorce; the tenfold increase in cohabitation within 25 years. Yet there is more stability than these statistics suggest: seven out of 10 families with children are headed by both natural parents; only 8 per cent live in step families; only 7 per cent with single. never-married mothers.

Marriage remains the ambition of the vast majority of people — even those cohabiting with children, as Susan McRae's 1993 research demonstrated. Indeed, some cohabitees are only delaying marriage so that they can raise sufficient funds for their wedding, the average cost of which is now £8.000.

The message for ministers remains as set out by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in its comprehensive report in February: even greater than the damage which absent fathers and poverty create is parental conflict. This requires action on two ronts, which ministers have indicated will be forthcoming: policies to reduce conflict within families (mediation, family centres, support net-works); but also conciliation services which will allow irreconcilable couples to separate with the minimum of acrimony. At the same time, as recent research has emphasised, social services need funds to help families in need — not just families

## Global villagers speal with forked tongues Pakistan divided by

George Monbiot

CCORDING to the Greek embassy, there are no minority languages in Greece, apart from Turkish. This may come as a surprise to the country's 400,000 speakers of Arvanite, Aroumanian, Slav-Macedonian and Pomak. It was certainly news - relayed via the Greek police — to a representative of the EU's European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages. While researching language distribution last month, he was arrested and held for questioning for 24 hours.

Because of the government's failure to recognise these languages, and their exclusion from schools, administration and radio and television, they are likely before long to fade away in Greece. They are not alone: of the 6,000 or so languages presumed to exist on Earth, 95 per cent seem destined to disappear within the next 100 years. As languages die, the concomitant loss of meaning compromises everyone's ability to sustain both a peaceful and purposeful life.

There are several reasons for this extraordinary rate of extinction. Governments, especially repressive ones, often equate diversity with instability. In Turkey, Kurds are imprisoned simply for spenking their language in a public place. In the Chittagong hill tracts of Bangladesh, addressing a meeting in a local language is treated as an act of insurgency. Education, publication or broadcasting in minority languages s discouraged all over the world.

The subtler causes of language loss are perhaps even more important. As indigenous peoples engage with the outside world, their language often becomes a token of in-feriority. When the "master feriority. When the mass. language" — English, Spanish or mal settlements. Suicide has an epidemic among the Guazz western Brazil. And as language of the songs and the so media, parents will go to great lengths to ensure that their children can speak it. Young men and women pretend they cannot understand their mother tongue.

There are many people, in business and international finance in particular, who maintain that language death is not to be lamented, but celebrated. It hastens the consolidation of the global village, in which goods can be freely traded and information readily shared. People with access to both the market and the media can defend themselves more of the century adapted it from readily against destitution and repression. The better we understand each other, the more peaceful our lives will be: linguistic diversity was, after all, God's punishment for building the Tower of Babel.

But, for those who have worked with threatened minorities, it is befalls, but only if those who specific coming clear that the interests of many of these groups are best own lives. Despite 40 years of the company of these groups are best own lives. served by remaining outside the global village. As remote communities are pervaded by multi-national trade and communications, self-sufficiency withers. South-west India's grant Castilians are apxious 10. national grain merchants have used their capital reserves to drive out their capital reserves to drive out local producers and traders with Living with complexity is a living with complexity is a living with complexity is a living with complexity in the living with complexity is a living with complexity in the living with the anti-competitive pricing, before attempting to commandeer the seed market. The result is dependency and destitution.

All over the world, people are

losing their livelihoods to the financed, well-connected at child labour row prises which global integrations best, and ending up, unrepres and underemployed, on the bealag heaps rising around all world's big cities. Language is of the most effective barriers to etration. It allows people to pur' the livelihoods that serve themb.

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It is arguable that humanki: the matter had not Masih's name and fastest-growing disease is and photograph made the front pages of wspapers around the world a few roots suffer it to some degree. days later. Pakistan was astounded to see the western media getting worked up over the death of Masih. strive to reassert a cultural ida. - even if it is no more consequ. tial than a style of dress or segwho was reported to have been asnated for speaking out against But for many of those whole

The West has now moved on to other things, but Masih's story contimes to produce tremors in Lahore and Islamabad. It has taken on the dimensions of a government crisis, with economic lobbies, the secret ervices, and nationalist pamphleleers all joining in. Masih was one of 8 million Paki-

stani children condemned to work rom a very young age in carpet and

brick-making factories. The victims of this social calamity are for the most part "pariah" communities, or "untouchables", converted to Christianity under the British, It is based on the system of *peshgi* — that is, a debt owed by the family to a local usurer, where the child becomes a kind of bargaining chip.
It was a debt of about \$425 run up

by the family for his brother's wedding that prompted Masih's parents to send him to work in the village carpet factory. The workshop is in the village's poor Hadokay neighourhood, a network of dusty lanes bordered by open, foul-smelling

Masih totled in this place for years to pay off his mother's debt until in 1993 he suddenly decided to break ree and ran away from the workshop. The man who engineered his scape was Esanullah Khan, a leftwing activist who started out as a lawyer, became a journalist and finally founded the BLLF, a childabour liberation organisation, which rapidly won the sympathy of western

So who killed Masih? "The carpet maffa" is Khan's prompt answer. Not surprisingly, that's not what the authorities believe. According to the police report on the tragic incident based on the testimony of Faryad Masih, one of the two cousins who accompanied Iqbal that day, the boy's death boiled down to a village

The report says that when the three boys were crossing the moor, they apparently spotted Mohamed Ashraf, a farm hand, having sex with a donkey. Furious at being caught out, the man is said to have grabbed a hunting rifle lying beside him and opened fire, killing Iqbal Masih on

The Pakistan Human Rights Com-



sion about Masif's death as the

Le Monde

And that's where the trouble began. The commission — headed by Asma Jahangir, a leading figure in the struggle for human rights in Pakstan - is not a stooge for the government. It has always stood out for ts independence, which has led to it being respected by foreign

"We have found absolutely no proof of any carpet mafia involvement," says Mahinood Alimed Khan, the commission's lawyer who family members' testimony corroborates the police version. They spoke quite freely.'

Will the truth ever be known? The deeper one looks into this tragedy, the more one is troubled by cloubts. The Human Rights Commission's conclusions would have been more convincing, for example, if the eye witnesses of the incident — the boy's cousins Faryad and Liagat Masih could have been heard. But barricaded at the BLLF headquarters. hey couldn't be approached by the

commission members.
Khan's version, incriminating a

"carpet mafia", might nevertheless have gained in credibility if this colourful character working for the cause of children were less of a controversial figure. Few in Lahore, even in well-informed circles, have anything flattering to say about him. Rashed Rahman, assistant editor of The Nation, worked with Khan until 1989 but ended their association after the discovery of some surprising practices, ,

Not only was his management of crystal clear," said Rahman, "he also took commissions from the people whose causes he championed.

Khan's opponents have not been slow to exploit these alleged character defects. Since Masih's death, Khan has been accused of being a plunderer, a blackmailer, a manipuator, even the man who ordered the boy's murder. The Pakistani secret service, for its part, accuses Khan and the people close to him of being "Indian agents" who are conspiring to destroy the country's economy. With all these charges weighing against him, Khan has sought refuge abroad.

The new turn taken by the inquiry into Masih's death has not displeased the Pakistaui press, whose national pride has been bruised by the international media's initial coverage of the murder. The case has acted as a catalyst, reawakening resentment in a Pakistan exasperated at being preached to by the

The general view here is that the Masih incident is part of a plot being orchestrated by wealthy countries to damage the economic development of the Third World, particularly that of Pakistan. In this charged atmosphere many people are urging the govern-ment to tighten its supervision of the 'suspect activities" of some nongovernmental organisations operating in the country.

For years the BLLF and its supporters basked in publicity and re-flected glory. Now the wheel has come full circle, and once again conservative pressure groups are making all the running

### France considers mass deportations

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TACQUES CRIRAC had sworn that

rance would "neither weaken or be inhibited" in dealing with illeil immigration. The interior minisr. Jean-Louis Debré, has decided carry out the president's promise. Three months after the extreme

nght's election success, the package anti-immigration measures Debré resented to the cabinet on August A is targeted at several groups — a police force dispirited by the ineffeciveness of expulsions, would-be from trying to enter France and, above all, French public opinion, which has to be shown that the gov-

rament is not sitting on its hands. The measures are aimed largely i making expulsions more effecove. This, says the interior ministry, is essential for helping integration and maintaining peaceful immigration". At present, only 12,000 of the 60,000 foreigners arrested annually for illegally entering France are re-

trous". The government wants to countries of origin. Together with and double that next year.

To do this, Debré intends — with

the cooperation of other European countries - to start expelling immigrants by the planeload on a regular basis. His ministry says this is a "much less' humiliating method" than individual expulsions. It would also be less costly — between \$40,000 and \$100,000 per expulsion.

The minister also wants to tackle one of the main reasons why expulsion orders are not carried out the refusal by the countries of origin African and east European Immit to deliver passes to foreigners who have destroyed their passports. Here, the Qual d'Orsay will be expected to put pressure on the consuls of these countries to be more ready to readmit their presumed nationals. The countries most immediately concerned are the Maghreb states, Mall, Senegal, Turkey, Zaire and Sri Lanka.

Another cause of the fallure of the expulsion policy so far is that poor coordination between justice and po to return to countries where civi lice results in foreigners held in cus wars are in progress, such as Algeria furned to their countries of origin.

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expel 15,000 by the end of the year | tighter measures, the government also announced moves to make the ireatment of illegal immigrants "more humane". With this in view, the capacity of holding centres will be increased and their conditions improved. Two measures, initially included in the package, have been withdrawn. They were intended to increase the penalties against em-ployers of illegal immigrants. The original plan was for the employer concerned to foot the bill for repatri-

ating his employee.

One measure, which grants prefects the authority to legitimise the arrived in France under the family entry and settlement rule, could turn out to be explosive.

But just how effective the new measures will be la questionable. And the limits of diplomatic action are shown by the fact that Algeria, for example, refuses to readmit nationals expelled from France. Furthermore it is hard to see immigrants agreeing

(August 24)

### **Poisoned by intolerance**

**EDITORIAL** 

IKE the pollution that is poi-Lesoning our cities at regular intervals, an odour is waiting through France at the end of this summer season that is hard to bear. We seem to have come a long way from the days when an expression as mild as the "threshold of tolerance" used by a politician in the context of the nigration debate would spark a public uproar.

As we move from one semanational Front election score to another, we are discovering today a France that is extending its intolerance to all those who are "different", particularly immigrants, whether they are lile-gal or not, beggars, vagabonds and the down and out.

If there is indeed a social frac-

ture - Chirac diagnosed it quite correctly when he was running for the presidency — it is combined with a mental fracture, the result of which is that the mind-goes suddenly blank, causing

France to forget that it earned the world's affection by declar-ing itself to be the home of

human rights.
Here, the agenda of the first cabinet meeting of the autumn session is especially significant. Chirac had held out a promise of social measures to help the most disadvantaged. In the end. the measures decided on are basically repressive: it is the fight against illegal immigration that has won priority.

The two summer months that have gone by were primarily tic swing to another, from one | marked by the discordant noises seemed to be hedging its bets, with two ministers making repeated statements about taking trouble-making families away from sensitive neighbourhoods and banning public begging, while two others stressed the security and social aspects of the problem.

More than ever. France needs to strengthen its social ties, even with those who are "different". Otherwise, it could well end up losing its soul.

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## French connection to official murder

Paris is keeping quiet about its clandestine role in Spain's state terrorism. Roland-Pierre Paringaux and Michel Garicolx report from Bayonne

EACHES, festivals and builfights. Although another ter-rorist bomb has gone off in Paris, France's Basque country in August appears to be far removed from those summers when Spanish nationals settled their scores here, causing bloodshed and destruction in the region. It seems as if the days when France served as a sanctuary for the hit squads of ETA, the Basque separatist organisation, are a thing of the past.

Has the "dirty war" ceased to be relevant today? Has ETA become the "business of the Spaniards", as one Basque country official put it? Two recent developments show that the answer in both cases is no.

First, the revelations about GAL (Anti-terrorist Liberation Groups), which Spain's Socialist leaders are accused of having sponsored, raise questions about whether some French leaders may have been involved. What were they doing between 1983 and 1987 when scores of terrorist attacks and crimes were being committed on French soil?

Second, the recent foiled plot to assassinate King Juan Carlos throws some light on ETA's continu-

While Judge Baltasar Garzón's investigations into the responsibility of the highest political and police authorities in setting up GAL have been causing uproar in Madrid for some weeks now, France's silence on the subject is astonishing.

Yet the GAL investigations also concern France. GAL's hit squads have murdered 27 people on French soil, carried out dozens of kidnappings, tortured people, and ma-chine-gunned and blown up cars. The terrorist groups recruited their hit men in France. And it is also on French soil that, for the first time, a case involving GAL terrorism was referred to a court.

Yet it has taken years, and the obstinacy of a pugnacious Spanish judge, for the case and its secrets to surface and provide revealing glimpses - through the confessions of Spanish police officers - of its

Spanish Socialists took office in November 1982. Soon afterwards. French Socialists, who had often shown their sympathy for the Basque separatist cause, shifted their position. After all, Francoism was dead, Spain was a democracy and the Spanish Basque provinces enjoyed a large measure of auto-

Soon, the French government was castigating "criminal acts of a kind that the alleged political end could not possibly justify the unacceptable means\*

nomy. Armed violence could no

In his attempts to resolve the crials caused by the Basque sepa-ratists, the Spanish prime minister, Felipe González, pleaded with President François Mitterrand in late 1983, urging him to expel members

of ETA's military wing who had taken refuge in France. The first expulsions took place early in 1984. Robert Badinter, the justice minister at the time, explained that "the right of asylum, considered as a sanctuary for anyone who has committed a political crime, is an unten-But for Madrid, this fell far short

of expectations, especially as Paris policy of granting political asylum to Spanish Basques. The Spanish police and the civil guard were exasperated by the creation of this "safe haven" on French territory, where ETA squads could prepare their attacks and retreat to without fear of

N ORDER to put pressure on France and force it to switch to a policy of large-scale expulsions, Spain's leaders allegedly gave the go-ahead to a police plan to "terrorise the terrorists" on French soil. Spain hoped to wipe out ETA squads and create a situation in France's own Basque country that would force Paris to resort to mass expulsions in order to restore law

We know what happened next. There was a reign of terror between 1983 and 1987. Shooting, blowing up cars, kidnapping and torturing,

others, and caused substantial damage to property.

In general, the dirty work appears to have been done by professional killers recruited from among French rightwing extremists, for mer members of the OAS (the French terrorist organisation op-posed to Algerian independence) and police informers. Several middlemen and hit men were arrested. Some were released, and others condemned by French courts towards the end of the 1980s.

In spite of the information and testimony available at the time, the investigations went no further, and the people who ordered the killings remained unknown. The contacts were disbanded at the end of 1987. following the big crackdown ordered by the then interior minister, Charles Pasqua, against ETA sympathisers in the eastern Pyrénées.

What were the heads of the French police services in the region doing between 1983 and 1987? Given their number, competence and the long years they had spent cooperating with the Spanish police, it is unlikely that they knew nothing about GAL's activities in their sectors or did not know its hired French hands. Did they turn was at the same time continuing its | a blind eye to the crimes and those who masterminded them? Was there connivance, not to say collusion? If the answer is yes, then who

gave the orders? In the cafés of Bayonne, which have seen so many of these terrorist attacks, people say: "We've known that for a long time." They didn't wait for the Spanish police confessions to make up their own minds.

"But nobody listened to us, neither the newspapers nor the local representatives," Jakes Abbeberry, the assistant mayor of Biarritz, said bitterly. "It was obvious from the first day that the Spanish authorities were behind GAL. It was also obvious that there was some collusion on this side with the police, for the killers to be able to come over the border, kill

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and calmly return to Spain. "This neighbourhood has been going through a situation that was worse than the Middle East terror-

GAL killed at least 27 people — mostly Spanish Basque "refugees" but also several French nationals killed by mistake — wounded many others and associated whatestard days and associated with shouts of 'González hiltzaile, Mistagard' (González hiltzaile, Mistagard') Mitterrand laguntzaile' (González

assassin, Mitterrand accomplice). "Today, the Spanish police are spilling the names of French police officers who were allegedly involved in GAL's activities and who made millions. But nothing is being done here. Justice isn't moving," he added

"Everybody — the police, politicians, judges - knew about it, but nobody wanted to have anything to do with it Today, nobody wants to hear about it any more," said Jean-Noël Etcheverry, a young Basque activist who caught and turned over to the police one of the men in volved in the Café Monbar killing in September 1985, where three people died. "Yet at the time," he said. eye witnesses and newspapers were speaking openly about the ties with the police authorities and giv-ing the names of the people behind

HEN Mohamed Talbi, one of the French defendants, arrived for his trial at a Pau court in September 1987 he carried a placard proclaiming: "The Biarritz police have been aware of all the attacks planned by GAL's French and Spanish terrorist police officers since December 3, 1983."

A French police specialist famillar with the period confirmed on August 17 that "GAL was, in fact, an anti-terrorist manifestation of the state". In his view, "it was an operation similar to the kind French police officers conducted during the Algerian war and against the OAS".

He acknowledged that there was ome French police complicity in GAL's operations. It was apparently based on individual initiative and dictated by the fact that "ETA was operating in conditions of impunity and had caused more than 900 deaths in Spain since 1978 . . . nothing has really changed."

The attempt to assassinate Juan Carlos has come at the right time o prove this assessment correct. and to show that ETA and the French "sanctuary" haven't gone away. The ETA's plans to assassinate the king of Spain were allegedly drawn up in France by José Rego, one of the old guard who the French police thought had settled down. Still, they kept him under observation and discovered the plot. They tipped off Madrid, and eight Spanish Basques were arrested. The next day, a terrorist squad that had probably crossed over from France blew up a civil

guard barracks, injuring 40 people.

While the tougher line French
police have been taking in recent years has led to a reduction in the number of ETA members operating out of France's Basque country, it nevertheless still acts as a

rear base for the movement. Arrests have never been able to decapitate the ETA leadership because its structure is collective. "Revolutionary taxes" and ransom money obtained from kidnappings ensure it is never short of funds And Herri Batasuna, the political coalition close to ETA, regularly polls more than 10 per cent of the vote in elections, which translates into about 200,000 sympathisers. enough to keep the movement going for a long time to come.

(August 22)

Shocked by a spate of rapes, MPs plan to make things harder for the criminals, writes our correspondent in Roma

#### Italy to get tough on sex offenders

F OLLOWING a series of horrible rapes, the Italian maliland's national flag — a green sun against a white background president, Lamberto Dini, san he is going to ask parliament can be seen flying by the side of a next month to adopt, as an nakeshift airstrip. In a tent donated urgent priority, a tougher law by the United Nations High Com-missioner for Refugees (UNHCR). on sexual crimes against vomen and children. Not a day goes by without

everal rapes being reported. And these reports have shocked public opinion. Among them is the story of ive-year-old girl who was raped

by her uncle, and the accountd father who prostituted his two resident, Siad Barre. handicapped pre-teen daughten to elderly men. Homosexuals have also been the victims of sexual attacks. Several disturbing trends have been noted, such as the

frequency of sex offences committed against minors by members of their own families, and gang rapes by young men a they leave discothèques. These are often the work of very young men aroused by a mixture of drugs and alcohol.

A total of 361 members of parliament have lined up behind a draft bill, which stands a good chance of being approved. In deference to femnist organisations, sexual offences will no longer be described as "offences against morality", but as "offences against the person".

Physical abuse and indecend will be bracketed together as a "sexual offence". The penalties will be stiffer (10 years' imprisonment instead of the current five).

A new crime will be introduced, that of "group sexual offences", where even those present at rapes will be liable to prosecution. Sexual abuses of minors will be severely punlabed, particularly where the offender is a member of the family: family members will no longer be able to use the ples of One aspect of the new bill,

thought by some to be too repressive, is that in gang rape and offences against minors it will be possible to initiate legal proceedings even where no. complaint has been filed. Finally, because of Aids, the guilty parties will be acreened or sexually transmitted diseases.

There is a vigorous debate going on in Italy today about the reasons for the sexual violence. Franca Rame, an actress who has herself been rape victim, accuses television - in particular the Berluscon group's Italia Uno channelbroadcasting films that incite sexual violence.

According to Pippo Baudo, star host on a state channel. Rai 1, television news wallow "in the most sordid details". (August 23)

Somaliland struggles with independence

#### Jean-Pierre Tuquol in Hargeisa takes the temperature in the self-proclaimed republic HE Republic of Somaliland is a virtual country, a phantom state whose borders will not be found in even the most detailed of atlases. Yet it exists. As you fly into Kalabaydh airport from Djibouti, So-

official conscientiously stamps the visitor's passport. Somaliland, which is slightly larger than former Czechoslovakia and has the same population as the Republic of Ireland, declared itself independent after 10 years of dashes with the regime of Somalia's

Three months after Barre fled rom Mogadishu on May 18, 1991, the Somali National Movement (SNM) proclaimed the secession of the north of the country and the creation of Somaliland. It was an event that went almost unnoticed. So far no state in the world has recognised

Somaliland's president does not he independent Somaliland. Mohammed Ibrahim Egal, it live in great style. His bougain-villaea-covered official residence in the capital Hargelsa is guarded by a current president, and the second in s history, was chosen in May 1993 solitary sentry. Egal's office has a by a council of eklers after five threadbare carpet and cheap sixties months of discussions. He was given furniture. Its sole luxury is a fax: two-year term. He must have done there are only four such machines fairly well as president because in in the whole country. May this year the elders gave him an Somaliland is a war-torn country. extra term of 18 months. This time it Hargeisa's mosques, theatre, radio building and exhibition park all lie in cok only three weeks to come to a

ruins. It takes a considerable effort President Egal is an easy-going of the imagination to detect the sites charming man of almost 70 — if his of former official buildings, or to bebirth certificate is to be believed. lieve that traffic will ever again te spent 12 of those years in throng its main thoroughfare, where a few domestic animals now forage Barre's prisons. He is at pains to point out that he is "not a warlord peacefully. but an elected president and a born The capital of Somaliland has noth-

ing in common with Mogadishu. To Egal smokes American start with, there are few uniformed rettes, worships General de Gaulle personnel in its streets, and the militiand hates the British, the country's amen who used to call the tune in the former colonial power — though he centre of town have vanished. peaks English very well. Nor does

the hands of gladiators, our country has been almost entirely pacified," President Egal says. "The militiamen have been demobilised. One clan was still active until recently, but we're negotiating with its leaders to have it disarmed. Soon the whole region will become peaceful again,"

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His optimism is not shared by western diplomats, nor is it confirmed by the violent clashes that took place recently between Issa militiamen near the border with the Republic of Djibouti, which had to place its army on a state of alert on

The history of Somaliland i straightforward enough. In President Egal's view, it resembles nothing so much as a failed marriage. The colony of British Somaliland gained independence on June 26, 1960. Its first president was none other than Mohammed Egal him-self, though he lasted only four days in office: the newly-fledged state deckled by referendum to link its des-

tiny Immediately with the Italian trusteeship territory of Somalia.

Battle scars . . . 'Somaliland resembles nothing so much as a falled marriage' side and by the Italians on the other. had caused us to drift apart," says Egal, "The attitudes and cultures of

> each country were different." Instead of an anticable separa ion, which was perfectly possible the country was wracked by a long and disastrous civil war. Even today. part of the country is one huge minefield. Infrastructure has been destroyed and tens of thousands of people have left Somaliland.

Egal is not too sure whether to velcome or deplore their departure: Nobody is dying of starvation here, and there are no clashes between warlords as there are in Mogadishu. That's why the international community ignores us. We've decided to return the compliment. One day it will wake up again to the fact that we exist."

As it waits for that hypothetical recognition to occur, Somaliland i loing its best to endow itself with already has a flag and a currency -

are in circulation in the Hargeisa

A national anthem has yet to be several proposals, and a German non-governmental organisation has offered us some musical instruments," says the former foreign minister, Ahmed Aw-Adan, Somaliland has no national radio or television Its only newspaper is little more than a cyclostyled sheet of paper that appears at irregular intervals.

Somaliland has a government of needed to take account of the nation's various sensibilities," explains Egal. "But two jurists, a Sudanese and an American, are working night and day on a draft constitution. will provide for the creation of a twochamber parliament, an inde-pendent judiciary and a supreme

The president has, on the other hand, given strict instructions to his ministers that their staff should not exceed 10 civil servants each. The only exceptions are the ministries of health, education and defence. There a 15,000-strong army, backed up a police force of 6,000. They all wear uniforms (some of them provided by France, which keeps a close

eye on developments in Somaliland).

Most of Somaliland's income derives from taxes levied at the port of Berbera, Somaliland exports more than 2 million head of livestock a year to the Gulf states. Berbera is also used by Ethiopia, Somaliland's larger reighbour, which has no seaboard.

Somaliland's economic and financial situation can only improve, say its leaders, because it is a country with abundant natural resources: there are believed to be large deposits of rare metals and huge oil reserves just waiting to be tapped. Its offshore waters abound in fish which at the moment are being caught by Koreans and Chinese.

But the fact remains that Somaliland is an international outcast.

The key to the problem lies in Mogadishu. But anarchy and clan rivalries there have precluded even he beginning of a compromise with Hargeisa. President Egal says he is prepared to accept a federal-type soution and a certain rapprochement with Somalia, but he can get no resnonse from Mogadishu: "There's no one there we can talk to."

(August 12)

### High times as farmers cash in on the hemp

particularly like the UN

secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-

Ghali, whom he sees as a deter-

mined enemy of Somaliland.

The inhabitants of the Rif mountains In Morocco are legally entitled to grow cannabis on their land but not to transport it or sell it. Philippe Simonnot reports

the Rif mountains, in northwest Morocco, are carpeted with bright green fields of Indian nemp, or Cannabis sativa.

illegal income from the "herb that tures" has enabled the inhabitants of villages like Imizzar to replace the hist walls of their houses with concrete. But it has done little else to carry fodder and wood, and weed ge the face of this graceless group of 50 buildings. By comparison, the mud houses of the upper Ailas mountains are well preserved, neat and clean.

Further up the mountain, the cannable plantations cover steep terraces. Then the landscape changes. The scorched and stunted remains I hundreds of once magnificent Aleppo pines stand like forlorn skeletons: their foliage has been burnt to prevent it shading the sunoving cannable planta.

HE REDDISH foothlils of | the sexes in the way cannabis cultivation is organised. Women have to do all the hardest tasks, such as fetching water. At dawn they set off to the water supply point and bring back the precious liquid, which the head of the household then pours on to his cannabis plants as though the cannable plantations. They continue working right up to the end of the day while their menfolk sit around talking. Cannabis growing

has not changed their condition. Imizzar is a fairly typical village in that it has no hammam, clinic or state school. The inhabitants are strict Muslims - which does not mean they are fundamentalists, at least not for the moment. Few locals smoke kif (marijuana). Their view is that a true Berber may cultivate the There is a strict segregation of tion to "the Arabs".

Once the female plants have reached maturity their flowering tips are cut off. The yield per hectare is 400-500kg. As a kilogram of cannabis at this point is worth less than \$10, farmers earn about \$4,000 per hectare, which is a small fortune to them and 10 times what they would get for a wheat or barley crop.

But instead of selling the product in its raw state, the farmers are intelligent enough to see that they can make an even bigger profit by processing it on the spot. The first operation involves turning the grass | an important town in the former finely and putting it through various sorts of sleves. It takes one worker barely a day to turn 100kg o cannable into 4kg of powder. But the added value is huge, as the pow-

der sells for up to \$590 a kilo. As well as being easier to transport, powder can be turned into resin, which is the preferred type of export. Although the resin-produc-

hectares of cannabis plantations in the Rif region, which produce a total income of about \$1.5 billion. Once it eaches a place like Paris, a gram of resin costs about as much as a kilo f cannabis in Morocco.

While cannabis growing is legal, i forbidden to transport or sell it But such is the income generated by it that police and troublemaking off cials are easily bribed as the product makes its way to such ports as Tangiers, Melilla and Ceuta, where leaves for southern Europe.

· The charming streets of Chechaouen, in the Rif foothills, exude prosperity. "Chechaouen used to be government official. "In the part of Morocco that was a French protectorate; cannabls crops disappeared because the French state imposed its tobacco monopoly. 'As a result,' cannable growing became concen-trated in the Spanish part.

"When Morocco gained independence, the government thought of extending the ban on cannable. ing process is gruelling, it is well growing throughout the country, worth it the end product sells for up to \$1,200 a kilo.

There are thought to be 70,000 cannable sinugglers had played a

leading role in the liberation struggle and were regarded as veritable heroes. So King Mohamed V granted the inhabitants of the Rif the 'privilege', of being allowed to grow cannabis legally.

"But at the time it was impossible to foresee that there would be such enormous demand for the product Europe No one can now call into question this 'legal right', as to do so yould carry the risk of triggering a second Rifwar," said the official.

"You French are entitled to produce wine and export your poison all over the world, aren't you? So" why aren't we allowed to? Perhaps because we're a poor and helpless into powder, by chopping it up very | Spanish Morocco," says a local little country. Naturally, the EU is constantly pestering us to halt production, as are the Americans, who fear the cannable route is being used by the Mafia to transport much harder drugs."

I wondered whether the privilege granted by Mohamed V was not unfair to other Moroccans, who are forced to work hard to scrape a living! The official's response was:
"You're French and You're earn perhaps 10 times what I carn. Do you call that unfair?"

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## Nigeria rocks to a changing tune

Michèle Maringues reports from Lagos on the dampening of a once thriving music scene

T WAS 2am. Wreathed in a fragrant cloud of marijuana 🚣 smoke, Fela Kuti had just arrived at the African Shrine auditorium surrounded by a gaggle of hangers-on, female dancers and favourites. As a shower of Cellophane-packed condoms came down from the ceiling, which his admirers immediately snatched up and inflated like balloons, he let rip his war cry: "Condoms no good for fuck!"

Who would have thought that the lecherous father of "Afro beat" might one day have something in common with Pope John Paul, even though he doesn't share the latter's views on sexual abstinence?

Fela crudely mimed the act of love with his dancing girls and hammered his message home: "We're Africans and we don't believe all those stories the whites tell us

The audience, mostly male, nodded approvingly (the latest figures suggest that the percentage of the Nigerian population with HIV is 3.8 per cent, which is a low figure for Africa, though it represents almost

4 million people).

At 2.40am, when his exertions were over, Fela, who is 70 and painfully thin, slumped into a chair and smoked a joint. Twenty minutes later, he leapt back on stage like a young billy goat, filled the auditorium with his grating voice and went on to treat the audience to a saxophone solo. Still an extraordinarily good performer, he looked as young as he did at the time when he used to boast of having six women a

At 4am Fela vanished, only to return a little later naked to the waist. His face was painted and he looked dead serious. Then began an interminable ritual in front of an altar set up just below the stage, complete | programmes.

with candles and offerings of food to the icons of eternal Africa, with actors mirning the sufferings of slaves and the liberation of the continent. Holding a long and writhing snake round his neck, Fela seemed lost in

The walls of the African Shrine are no longer adorned with photographs of Patrice Lumumba, Malcolm X and Kwame Nkrumah, his pan-African heroes. All that remain are portraits of Fela's mother Funnilayo, the rebel with the gentle face of a schoolmistress, who was thrown out of a window to her death by soldiers in 1977.

This cult of his mother, which he elebrates in public every Saturday, has come to be increasingly important to him in the past two years," says one of his women cousins. "Every time I set foot in the Shrine. the ritual lasts longer. But if people were bored by it, if it didn't live up to their expectations, they wouldn't attend in such large numbers."

It is ironic that one of the most gifted musicians in Africa should have ended up dressed like a high priest and stuck in the rut of his same old hits because he is incapable of innovating.

Despite unpleasant accusations of murder two years ago, his prestige in the eyes of the younger generation of southern Nigeria remains intact. In the jails of Lagos, starving and vermin-ridden prisoners ironi-cally name their cells "the Republic

Kalakuta is the name Fela gave his large house in Ikela, which is always crammed with musicians, children and visitors. The latter have to have the patience of a saint if they wish to meet the great man - he devotes a great deal of his time to his wives.

It was also as a tribute to the ageing rebel that the illegal radio station Frequency Liberty Radio, launched by members of the Nigerian opposition at the end of June, chose a Fela song, "Authority Stealing", as a signature tune to one of its programmes.

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Strutting his stuff . . . Fela Kuti keeping his fans happy in the ighties. His act has changed little since then

The musical scene in Lagos has | dent during a highly successful ad its heyday. Nowadays songs de- | music festival held in June at the had its heyday. Nowadays songs describe the depressing litany of woes that life under the generals has brought the population: a political clampdown, international isolation, rampant poverty and so on.

Ten years ago, you could listen to live music practically every evening, but now people are afraid to go out, and they have much less money to spend," says Fran Kuboye, who runs the Lagos club, Jazz 38, with her husband Tunde (the rest of the time she is a dentist and he a university lecturer).

It is often women who keep the

French Cultural Centre in Lagos. An audience of 2,000 Nigerians and expats - for once mixing socially - gave an enthusiastic reception to a programme that included not only the French group, Orphétéon, and the venerable Lagos Swing College

Jazz Masters and the lively Quartette, led by Yinka Davies, a graceful slip of a girl with a stentorian voice. But the revelation for most of the audience was the Lagbaja group. Lagbaja is the name of a striking masked figure made of strips of

Band, but Maya's Real Deal, Silo's

dresses), which make it look like cross between a tramp and an un-

The group, which consists of musicians, is led by 35-yeard Bisade Ologunde, singer, sample ist, composer, and author of a discontinuous on the marketing of Nigerian und Bisade, who like everyone of Egeneration is strongly influenced. "Afro beat" and King Sunny Alei Juiu Music, is one of the is

Juju Music, is one of the le performers who try to innovalent sically while maintaining the set HINA'S expulsion last week ingly critical tone typical of Fela "It's become difficult to mit

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The exorbitant price of mole: instruments has resulted in ox young Nigerian musicians beingle on the sidelines of the main expomental trends now sweet: through European and young black American music, Worse, it has offer left them with no choice but tojë: one of the countless churches wit Pentecostal leanings which thrise: the south of the country.

"They have plenty of money at use music to attract worshipper says Bisade. "It's a golden oppor. nity for a young musician with c money who wants to learn how t play drums or the electric guitar."

Each week, after listening plitely to an endless sermon, improving their knowledge of the Bib. and praying, members of the congregation really let themselves to as Sister Hope booms out ho catchy hymn tune to the thunder ous sound of brass and synthesis ers. And everyone joins in the [2] middle-aged women, old pents children, choirboys, and even in clergymon.

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#### remote islands in the archipele such as the Yachama islets, which have an extraordinarily rich ha itage of folk music bound up with working the land. They hadd Daiichl Hirata, who hails from Ye hama and sings the praises of the ture, and Yukito Ara, who come

of the end of the war on August 15 lowing themselves to be sweptabil

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The Washington Post

of detained American human Crights activist Harry Wu remusic nowadays, if only because: moved an irritant from U.S. Chinese ported instruments are so equi relations, but domestic political sive," Bisade explains. That's the pressures that turned Wu's arrest

rights and of Washington's determi-References to tradition neveral alion to protect its citizens. With less remain strong, especially int. the 1996 presidential election seasinger", which reflects not only collical football for candidates ying to show strength in foreign policy by talking tough about the importance of his release.

In China, surprisingly similar domestic political pressures also made Wa a potent symbol. Here, in the twilight of senior leader Deng Xiaoping's life, domestic politics helped make Wu a symbol of China's determination to stand up to the United States, protect state secrets and domestic order, and squelch challenges to the ruling Communist arty from domestic dissidents and disgruntled exiles.

Although domestic political presures are more transparent in the United States, Brantly Womack, a University of Virginia protessor of Chinese politics, says parochial concerns are also key in China. "Chinese politics are secret." Womack said, "but it's clear that with domestic problems and the political succession, domestic concerns are the been firing at Lee, who has pursued primary thing on the mind of the greater international recognition for

LIARVARD law professor Lau-

rence Tribe called it "a dis-

settlement " rrespondent Mike Wallace said

e is "utterly bewildered as to why

hey settled." And the ABC reporter

d producer involved pointedly re-

The day after ABC settled

\$10 billion lawsuit by Philip Morris Cos. and RI Reynolds Tobacco Co.

with a public apology, critics within

and outside the network were ask-

ing whether its capitulation would

have a lasting effect on investigative

erful industries as tobacco.

reporting, particularly of such pow-

Not since NBC apologized to

General Motors Corp. for a 1992

program featuring a staged truck

backed down in such a public way

The damage done is not just to the credibility of ABC's news opera-

tion and the chilling effect it might

Bill Kovach, curator of the Nieman

foundation at Harvard University.

There's also the impact on society.

This slows down a movement in the

in the face of a corporate lawsuit.

has a television network

ised to sign the agreement.

Howard Kurtz

central leadership even with some-thing as closely related to the external situation as Harry Wu."

High on the list of domestic concerns is the need to look tough enough to govern this nation of 1.2 billion people after the death of 91year-old Deng and to satisfy influential military leaders concerned about standing up to other nations. Although the decision to detain

Wu might have been made by lower-level security officials, Wu's case handed Beijing hard-liners an opportunity to undercut their rivals. Already furning over the U.S. visa granted to Taiwanese President Lee Feng-hui to make a private visit to the United States in June, hardliners seized on Wu's case to defy Washington, which Chinese officials feel has been bullying China on issues ranging from human rights to trade to missile sales.

Domestic political pressures probably contributed to the timing of Wu's release last week, before the start of substantive talks in Beijing between senior Chinese Foreign Ministry officials Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff. To have released Wu after the talks would make it appear as though China were giving in to American pressure.

If it was supposed to be a conciliatory gesture to Washington for the Chinese government to expel Wu and sentenced him to 15 years in jail, the gesture was heavily disguised in combative rhetoric.

ABC Backs Down Over Tobacco Charges

don't do enough of saying we made a mistake," he said. "Admittedly this

was done under a lawsuit situation,

but . . . they were smart to say it was

wrong. One of the problems with all

the folks in news is they've got a

glass jaw - they can dish it out but

While one staff member said

many at ABC are "disappointed that

they folded their tents too fast," re-

porter and anchor Sam Donaldson

voiced support for the settlement.

"As I understand it, we made a mis-

take — a minor mistake in the over-

all piece, but that was the mistake

on which they were suing us," he

said. "We were going into a court where the judge's family is in the to-

bacco business . . . I do not believe it

Still, with the Walt Disney Co.

about to acquire ABC, Westing-

house Electric Corp. moving to buy

CBS and General Electric Co. own-

analysts questioned whether the

networks will be less aggressive in

tackling difficult subjects that could lead to costly litigation. And big

represents a chilling

the news division."

have on aggressive reporting," said | ing NBC, some attorneys and media

country to question whether cigareites should be treated as a drug."

companies, they say, are more likely to wield lawsuits as a weapon to to wield lawsuits as a weapon to

liey can't take it."

The domestic need to strike a tough posture also has been fueling the rhetorical salvos Beijing has

mer NBC News president, offered a | ABC's "Day One" report of Febru-

different perspective. "I think we | ary 1994 on the industry's handling



while the court sentences him to 15 years in jail for espionage

Taiwan. The Communist govern- nese trials, the outcome was never ment in Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province of China. Last week Beijing announced the conclusion of the second set of missile tests held within close range of Taiwan, in what appears to be an intimiclating reminder of strategic

realities in the region. While playing to militant constituencies and sending a tough message to foreigners, China's leaders also have attempted to use the Wu case to bolster their legitimacy by claiming to adhere to the "rule of law." Wu could not be released before being brought to trial, the government insisted. Some government officials noted the irony that the United States, which generally has tried to promote the rule of law in China, wanted Beijing to shortcircuit judicial process and expel

that the "rule of law" in China does little to protect defendants. Wu was tried in a one-day session closed to all except his lawyers and a U.S. bringing about political changes Embassy official. As in most Chi-

of nicotine spawned a bitter battle in

which a team of industry lawyers

tried to obtain the private records of

ABC journalists to unmask their

After sticking by its story for 18

onths, ABC, in a statement on

World News Tonight," said it had

The hour-long "Day One" broad-

cast charged the cigarette industry "artificially adds nicotine to keep people smoking and boost profits."

Philip Morris and Reynolds ac-

knowledged removing nicotine

while making reconstituted tobacco

(used in virtually all cigarettes) and

later restoring it to the finished cig-

Much of the lawsuit furned on

ABC's charge that cigarettes were

"spiked" with nicotine. "We now

agree that we should not have re-

ported that Philip Morris and

Reynolds add significant amounts of

The network agreed to pay what

will likely amount to millions of dol-

lars in legal fees amassed by the two

arettes, but denied increasing the

overall level of nicotine.

ABC statement said.

tobacco companies.

confidential sources.

made a "mistake."

"The criminal justice system in China, especially where dissidents are concerned, is the plaything of the Communist Party," said Robin Munro, Hong Kong director of Human Rights Watch/Asia. Munro said he marveled at the "chutzpah" of Chinese government "spin doc-tors" who hid behind alleged respect for judicial process.

The use of Wu as a "pawn" in reations with the United States, Munro said, only demonstrated the Communist Party's control of the court system.

Another domestic concern for the Chinese government has been to use the detention of Wu to send a message to other Chinese exiles who might think about returning to expose conditions or challenge Communist Party rule. Since the crackdown on student demonstrators in 1989, the number of Chinese exiles has increased, and many take part in organizations devoted to

offered in June. The reports by corespondent John Martin and Pulitzer Prize-winning producer Walt Bogdanich won a George Polk Award, one of American journalism's most prestigious honors.

Capital Cities/ABC executives and their lawyers admittedly were worried about trying the case in Richmond, where trial judge Theodore J. Markow — whose brother and two brothers-in-law work for Philip Morris - made what they considered to be unfavorable rulings.

Markow ordered 13 companies, including American Express, Hertz and AT&T, to turn over phone and travel records of ABC journalists, but later stayed the order.

The ABC executives also faced the likelihood that the October trial would highlight embarrassing video ; outtakes." For example, ABC did not air comments in which a former Cough", denied the company raised the nicotine content of cigarettes.

But legal experts note Philip Morris was required to prove the network acted with malice in airing nicotine from outside sources," the | a report it knew to be false. "Anybody with half a brain would advise (ABC) that at the end of the road they will prevail," Tribe said. He sald the settlement "made economic sense," by avoiding a protracted bat-tle, if the network was concerned But Lawrence Grossman, a for neutralize unfavorable publicity. Some ABC News staff were bit the network was concerned to the apology, first purely with the bottom line."

#### **Neighbours** Tighten Up On Saddam

R. Jeffrey Smith

THE GOVERNMENTS of Jor-L dan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Kuwait privately have assured the United States they are eager to exploit new cracks in the authority of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, but they said imposing concrete measures such as new trade embargoes will take time, according to se nior U.S. officials.

The Arab governments told a high-level U.S. delegation that visited the capitals of their countries last month they agree with Washington that Saddam's continued coutrol of Iraq is a threat to their security and an impediment to the region's stability, the officials said.

They also expressed a readiness o begin more earnest exploration of new ways of weakening Saddant's control in coming weeks and months, possibly including a collaborative effort to restrict Iraqi trade with lordan outside of food or bumanitarian items, the officials said.

But the governments did not say when they would begin to implement such measures, disappointing some U.S. officials who said they had hoped the recent defection to Jordan of several senior Iragis might galvanize the four nations to put in place tough new anti-Saddam

measures right away.

A senior official said the administration was "encouraged . . . that events are moving in the right direction — that (Jordanian officials) will move their domestic audience toward accepting more distance from

Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau, Special Assistant to the President Mark Parris and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Bruce Riedel to urge Jordan to sever most of its economic ties with lraq and to press Saudi Arabia and Knwait to renew economic contacts with Jordan that could replace its

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have withheld oil sales to Jordan, as well as other trade, since the 1991 Persian Gulf War in retaliation for King Hussein's refusal to distance his country from Iraq in the aftermath of Baghdad's conquest of Kuwait. One U.S. official said, "It's not

going to be a night-to-day situation saudi Arabia and Kuwait over Jordan's stance during the war.

The officials said the trip had proved that King Hussein was determined to maintain his anti-Saddam

According to U.S. government es timates, about 80 percent of the world's imports and exports to Iraq cooperation essential in the U.S. drive to step up pressure on Saddam. Trade with Iraq technically has been embargoed by the United Nationa since Iraq'a 1990 invasion of Kuwait, but the Iraqi-Jordanian border is notoriously "porous," as one official put it. ·

Jordan's : annual earnings from this illicit commerce amount to between \$400 million and \$1 billion. according to varying estimates by U.S. and Arab analysts

## Okinawa takes its revenge through music

Philippe Pons reports from Naha on a melting pot of musical talent

NTIL the 19th century, the subtropical archipelago of Okinawa was a tiny kingdom situated at the crossroads of China, Japan and the rest of Asia. It consequently became a cultural melting pot or, in the local dialect, a chanpure (a dish containing any ingredients that

Returned to Japan by the United States in 1972 and influenced even today by the continuing presence of American military bases there, Okinawa produces musical and dance forms that are central to its identity.

Its extraordinarily rich folklore reflected in the abundance of myths and legends which feature in its songs, combines with the modern rhythms of jazz, rock and reggae to form a highly individual musica style, which makes full use of the sanshin, or lute (shamisen in Japanese), drums, electric guitar and choirs singing in dialect,

cast a continuous stream of tradi-tional and modern folk songs. The people of Okinawa like to say that while "the Japanese show off their

sabres, we show off our sanshin". Japan's new mass culture. After long being subject to condescension on

of Okinawa has now spread throughout the Far East. Record shops no longer classify it as Japanese pop, but put it in their "world music" section along with other Asian folk music, which is also in vogue at the moment.

For the Japanese, the use of dialect adds a touch of exoticism. Even though they do not understand the language, they like to mouth some of the lyrics in almost incantatory

Oklnawa rock first began to acquire a certain popularity in the six-Koza, the main American base, then known as Okinawa City. When the no expansionist ambitions have

The success of their music is one of the most striking phenomena of the part of central Japan, the music

ties and seventies in the town of which the second world war

Two private radio stations broad- | rule, it was given a new name so as to erase its image as a sexual playground for American soldiers.

Koza's heyday came during the Vietnam war. "The city was the rear base of battle operations," a veteran journalist remembers. You could find anything there — sex, violence, drugs, music. The GIs insisted on good music, otherwise they would

go mad and smash everything up." It was in Koza that the stars of the first generation of Japanese rock stars emerged, people like George Murasaki, the son of a Japanese in-Yukyo Kyan, who became the big

names of the sixtles in Okinawa. The success of its music has enabled Okinawa to take its revenge for earlier humiliations. The archipelago has gradually lost its inferiority complex vis-à-vis the rest of Japan, Resentment caused by its annexation in 1879, the ensuing discrimination, and the Armageddon quest for peace. Their music is an | tion. They come from the man expression of the absolute and rather idealist pacifism that is the dominant ideology of Okinawa's younger generation.

The slogans chanted by star

singer Shokichi Kina include "Arms should be exchanged for musical instruments", "Live in harmony with nature", and "Governments separate humans, it's in dance that we come together again".

Each summer Koza is the venue for an open-air Peaceful Love-Rock Festival. People flock there from all over Japan. Although Kina made his debut in Koza, he hardly ever per-forms there now, unlike some of his

The latter include Alberto Shiroma and the Diamantes, a group of Okinawans who emigrated to Peru and are strongly influenced by South American rhythms, the Ne nesu, a group of four girls who combine folk music and reggae, and above all the Boom, who shot to the top of the hit parade with an album of "samba pop" that sold 1.5 million records in Japan alone,

Some of the singers and groups known as Okinawa City. When the no expansionist ambitions have newly popular with Japan's younger archipelago returned to Japanese been superseded by a mystical generation are more faithful to tradi-

from Ishigaki. To celebrate the 50th anniversal

Kina organised a pilgrimage or board two fishing boats of traditions design. They left the extreme south ern tip of Okinawa in April and by the current that winds its wife tween the islands of the archipelago they drifted towards Nagasaki and Hiroshima and received message of peace at every port of call on the 2.000km journey.

Le Monde

## Cartel Links Imperil Samper

Douglas Farah in Bogota

OR President Ernesto Sam per, this should be the best of times. His government has ous Cali cocaine cartel, drawing applause around the world. As a result, it seemed he would finally shake allegations of drug money in his election campaign that have

dogged him for a year. But Santiago Medina, his once trusted campaign treasurer, has rained on the parade, leveling new charges and giving credibility to old ones that the Samper campaign collected money from drug barons. In the process. Medina has kicked off the most serious political crisis in Colombia since open warfare between the Liberal and Conservative parties ended in 1958.

The gist of the charges is not new - that the Samper campaign, with knowledge of the candidate, accepted millions of dollars in money from Cali cartel leaders, specifically the brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez-Orejuela. But Medina, in testimony before an investigating magistrate that found its way into print last month, has added details and credibility to the charges, describing a double-accounting system that he says allowed at least \$6 million in drug money to enter the campaign and recounting how he traveled to Call to solicit the

Medina also charged that Fernando Botero, the Harvard-educated scion of a prestigious family who served as Samper's campaign manager and later as defense minister, ordered him to pick up the money. Botero, who was arrested last month, denies the charges, but he, too, now faces interrogation by a

magistrate.
The first-hand testimony provided by Medina, along with his implication of Botero, have suddenly created a new atmosphere of crisis in Colombia. They added substance and judicial weight to longstanding but unproven allegations against Samper and set off a chorus of demands for his resignation.

Samper's own version of what happened has evolved since his election in May 1994. First, he denied any drug money went to his campaign. Then he said that, while some drug money may have been collected, it was done without his knowledge. Now some government officials are suggesting that Medina was a Call cartel "mole", sent by drug lords now in jail to embarrass the president with lies.

Despite the calls for Samper to step down, he has made it clear he has no plans to do so. He recently declared a 90-day state of emergency that allows him to rule without legislative oversight, saying the action was taken to combat rampant violence in the country and rejecting charges that it was designed to divert attention from the drug-

The congressional Commission of Accusations will now decide if there is enough evidence to indict Samper; if so, he would be tried by the Senate. But at least two members of the commission are under investigation themselves for allegedly taking drug money, investigators said.

"President Samper cannot be condemned for taking illegal funds by congressmen who, almost in their entirety, financed their campaigns the same way," wrote Antonio Caballero last week in his influential column in Cambio 16 magazine. that Samper was about to make him a scapegoat, so he bolted to the

Those who know Medina say the portly, balding antiques dealer is an unlikely figure to threaten the presi- to talk. dency. A staunch Samper supporter, he denied all accusations when first questioned. But, according to law enforcement officials familiar with

prosecutor general's office with hundreds of documents and began

El Tiempo, the nation's largest and most influential newspaper, received a copy of Medina's statement and, on August 3, devoted three full the case. Medina came to believe | pages to reprinting it in its entirety.

Positions are to 1st August 1995 and are on an offer-to-offer US Dollar basis, inclusive of reinvested income, net of withholding taxes has

which set off a political earthquake. Analysts say that what makes Medina's testimony so damaging is that it confirms the main points of charges against Samper that surfaced the day after he won the election last May, when Andres Pastrana, the losing Conservative Party candidate, made public several audio tapes that he said were given to his campaign. The so-called

Samper's campaign, discussing tributions of about \$3.2 million.

Medina had remained pt silent until Samper concele the first time, that drug morn have found its way into by paign treasury, but behind his

"Santiago knew then ke going to be the one to po price," said a source close by case. "If they had handled k "narco-cassettes" contained purthey let him panic, and he gat ported conversations between the Rodriguez brothers and members of documents together and ran"

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**India Faces AIDS Explosion** The disease is polsed to hit hard as it spreads rapidly through Asia, writes John Ward Anderson in Calcutta

OHAMMED ISRAEL has been a truck driver for 21 years. ferrying loads never heard of AIDS. right, he wouldn't have talked across India and visiting four to five prostitutes a week to satisfy his vo-

Truckers like Israel are an imporprostitutes a week to satisfy his vo-racious appetite for sex — created, AIDS, carrying the HIV virus that

causes the deadly disease along India's highways from urban red-light districts to small-town flophouses to their family homes in rural villages. A battery of recent surveys of truckers in Calcutta found that more than 5 percent of the drivers had the HIV virus, more than 90 percent visited at least one prostitute a week, and 68 percent never used a condom.

a survey of 57 doctors in Bangalore - often described as India's most technologically advanced city - 25 percent said HIV could be spread by casual contact, 35 percent said HIV patients should be denled first aid, and 81 percent believed that a syringe could be reused if the needle

Such ignorance has helped make India ground zero in the global AIDS epidemic, which has killed 3

But it is not just truckers who are uninformed about AIDS and HIV. In By some estimates, India now has more HIV carriers than any other nation, propelling South and Southeast Asia to a gruesome milestone: For the first time, more people will contract HTV in Asia this year than in Africa, the world's AIDS hot spot, where entire nations are being ray aged by the sickness.

"Clearly, the center of gravity of the world's AIDS epidemic is moving rapidly toward Asia," Columbia University economist and AIDS specialist David Bloom said in a recent speech. "Many experts now believe that India will soon be the AIDS capital of the world."

The epidemic comes as India is trying to integrate itself into world markets with economic reforms that are creating huge social changes, making projections about the dis

ease daunting.
There are about 80,000 AIDS cases in India and 1.5 million people infected with HIV, according to statistics from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Indian government. By the year 2000, experts predict, 1 million people will have AIDS in India and 5 million will be HIV-positive. India could have as many as 30 million people with HIV by the year 2010 - about twice today's worldwide total.

"If the pattern of an expanding HIV epidemic continues to occur in India, the consequences for this country of 858 million people will be catastrophic," said an article in Medicine magazine. "The HIV/AIDS epidemic in India now threatens to undermine the achievements in public health made over the past 60 years," the story said.

There have been about 4.5 million AJDS cases since the early 1970s, and 13 million to 14 million current HIV cases globally, according to WHO. Nearly two-thirds of all the current HIV cases are in Africa.

AIDS came late to Asia - about 10 years after it first began ravaging the Americas, Europe and Africa. Now, as the spread of the disease in those areas is leveling off or declining. AIDS is charging full-throttle into Asia, an underdeveloped region with an undereducated populace. If the disease spreads here the way it spread in Africa — and experts believe it will — tens of millions of adults could die, creating millions of orphans and overwhelining government health facilities and social services. Currently, only 0.2 percent of India's population has HIV or AIDS, while in the worst-hit countries of Africa, almost 20 percent of the adult population is infected.
Unlike the United States and

other developed Western countries, where the disease initially was spread primarily through homosexual contact, AIDS is spreading in India primarily through heterosex ual contact, as in Africa. India also has a sizable population of intravenous drug users and a network of professional blood donors, leading to the spread of AIDS between people who share needles and those wio receive contaminated blood.

As experts urge India to get on to war footing — the annual AID budget is about \$20 million, or 2 cents per person — the country is facing the same problems that other developing nations confronted, in the early phase of the epidemic: Because AIDS generally has a roughly 10-year incubation period during which no symptoms are apparent, the effects of the disease in India are still largely hidden, making it difficult for politicians to justify large budget outlays when other killer diseases, such as malaria, typhoid and hepatitis, are rampant. cents per person — the country is

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### Mobsters In Red Square

Michael Dobbs

COMPADE CRIMINAL Russla's New Mafiya By Stephen Handelman Yale University Press. 416 pp. \$27.50

COUPLE of months before left Russia in the summer of A left Russia in the state of RGB 1993, I interviewed a KGB general in Moscow's infamous Lubyanka prison, I had gone to see him to talk about the new mafia, which was already in the process of replacing the old Communist nomenklatura as Russia's ruling class. Amid the flood of statistics about murders and bombings and billions of dollars in illegal capital flight, the general told me something that has stuck in my mind ever since

"You westerners think that this mafia is an internal Russian prob lem. When we ask the FBI to trace one of these criminals, who has fled overseas, they are refuctant to help. But watch out. There will come a time when you will understand that this is your problem too."

The general was right. Over the past two years, crime has become ica, sending the crime rate shooting one of Russia's most successful ex- up in Russian expatriate communiports. Ensity distinguishable by their ties, such as Brighton Beach. "Godfather" style of dress, floozy companions and habit of paying for everything in cash, Russian mobsters



Alps. They have given a formidable boost to the upper end of the London real estate market, despite brief flurries of bad publicity resulting from a string of macabre murders. They have also turned up in North Amer-

But there is another reason why we should be concerned about the rise of the Russian maña. Back in have taken over the benches of the | 1991, after the collapse of the hard-Cote d'Azur and the ski slopes of the 1 line communist coup. Americans | port license to sell cheap Russian oil

ILLUSTRATION: JEAN-FRANCOIS ALLAUN hailed the triumph of democracy and free markets in the former "evil empire." With the benefit of hindsight, these hopes now seem pretty naive. What Americans failed to take into account at the time was the fact that the old communist nomenklatura had been co-opted by the mafia and transformed into a new ruling class. The key to acquiring wealth and influence in the new Russia is the communist "old-comrade" network. If you can bribe someone to give you an ex-

or aluminum on the world market, | ment. There are hundreds of you have it made. Without such connections, it is virtually impossible to get ahead. As a former press secretary to Boris Yeltsin, Pavel Voschanov, once remarked: "The criminal party has left the stage, but the criminal state has remained."

This is the central theme of Stephen Handelman's new book, Comrade Criminal, which is likely to remain the definitive work on the Russian mafia for some time to come. A former Moscow correspondent for the Toronto Star, Handelman describes how the second Russian revolution was hijacked by former apparatchiks and criminals whose primary goal was personal enrichment. He shows how "orivatization" rapidly degenerated into "grab-it-ization." Contrary to popular perception in the West, Russia Is a labulously wealthy country, rich in exportable commodities such as oil, timber and minerals. It is easy to understand why rival criminal and bureaucratic gangs are willing to risk so much to grab even a tiny share of this national treasure. If I have a criticism of Handel-

man's generally very readable book. it is that the anecdotes all tend to sound the same after a while. Take the case of Leonid Zapalsky, a deputy Russian economics minister who was responsible for "liquidating" the property of the Soviet economics ministry shortly after the abortive August 1991 coup. In the process of fulfilling his duties, he transferred the buildings, 50 computers and 220 fax machines to a joint venture that he had set up with fellow bureaucrats. An anti-corruption commission eventually recovered most of the money, but the case never went my further, because of Zapalsky's good standing with the Yeltsin govern-

Russia today is neither for

fowl, neither capitalism upon the Barrie, lan King nism. It is a perverted, hybrid Geoffrey Glbbs of capitalism that has ground Geoffrey Glbbs the old command economy the FIRST of Britain's regional petty corruption that existed electricity companies (Recs) to the communist period to the communist period to swept under the carpet lade American utility Southern Companies on he traced between the carpet lade. swept under the carpet late: American utility Southern Comroots can be traced back to the late week for £1.1 billion.

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sive corruption has coalibrate prompted fears of job losses, the distillusionment millions! City speculation focused on nary Russians feel about the wher more overseas forms would of "democracy." In a pare for Recs. kind of way, however, it legabour said the consumer had helped ensure that there say return to the communist page of the main reasons the Put willing to give up power with fight was the discovery by the ratchiks that they could sure prosper in the "new Russia"! of these people are now wall yond their wildest dreams, at have no desire to give it all; Handelman's words, "the gra bureaucrat's ability to use the down of the Soviet regimes! vacuum of legal authority w

Michael Dobbs, a diplomatic bureau chief from 1988 to 1933 working on a book on the 003 of communism.

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### The economic system bas S takeover of regional power firm

been "all but forgotten" in the free-

for-all. Gordon Brown, the shadow

chancellor, questioned whether the

interests of a regional electricity

company in Britain were best

served by "an owner based thou-

sands of miles away".

But Nick Harvey, Liberal Democrat MP for North Devon and party industry spokesman, said: "I am much happier for a power company to buy it, even if it is American, than a conglomerate that knows nothing about the industry."

Sweb, one of three Recs facing takeover bids, caved in after the collapse of a planned counter-bid by its British neighbour, Southern Electric. Thomas Boren, president of Southern Company, insisted that it knew the importance of good cus-

tomer service. And Sweb chairman Maurice Warren said the deal was n the interests of the company's shareholders and its 1.3 million customers in the south-west. But the National Consumers

Council called for a referral of the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and asked for assurances that Sweb would still be subject to price controls. Yvonne Constance, chairwoman of the Electricity Consumers' Committee, said the industry watchdog, Offer, should tighten its controls to ensure Sweb was not milked of funds.

John Seed, outgoing chief execuive, stands to pick up £500,000 from the deal, his two-year rolling contract, at £177,000 a year, will be honoured and he will make more than

£150.600 on his share options. The other three executive directors will share profits of £388,000 on their

The unions reacted with dismay, predicting job cuts. Mike Jeram, head of electricity at Unison, which represents 1,200 Sweb staff, said the union was "very nervous and fearful". Asked about the prospect of job losses, Mr Boren said his company was only looking at plans to cut up to 500 jobs over the next few years. "Until we get in and have an opportunity to look at the books, we cannot comment beyond that."

Southern is offering £9.65 for each Sweb share, 7 per cent more than its earlier offer. Sweb shares were sold for 240p each to investors when it was privatised in December 1990, valuing the company then at £295.4 million, less than one-third of

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path, with unemployment remain-ing at around 2 million.

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Peter Boulding, a financial analyst at the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, said that, "with the benefit of hindsight", all the Recs had clearly been undervalued when sold to the private sector,

The Government was about to announce whether it would refer the three Rec blds - Sweb, Scottish Power's bid for Cheshire-based Manweb, and Hanson's bid for Eastern Group - to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Neither the Department of Trade and Industry nor Offer would comment on the possibility of referrals.

City analysts suggested that overseas bidders were awaiting the Government's decision before com mitting themselves to takeovers. One adviser said "big, respectable companies" would wait for the com

#### In Brief

PUPERT MURDOCH is seek-ing allies in a bid for Turner million in the year to June 30

C HASE MANHATTAN and Chemical Banking announced a \$10 billion merger that will create America's biggest bank with \$297 billion in assets. The new company will shed

hopes the increasing success of its Orange mobile phone business will allow it to replace project financing from its founder shareholders with a long-term

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more than 1,000 jobs, about 4.5 per cent of its workforce, and carry out a boardroom shake-up. after a 7.6 per cent alide in profits to £115.3 million.

of the peso late last year through a last minute run on their own Monetary Fund reported.

## Of Demons and Delights

Michael Dirda

WHILE THE MESSIAH TARRIES

By Melvin Jules Buklet Harcourt Brace, 197 pp. \$20 RUE STORY: Wearing my editor's cap I planned to as-

ries to an outside reviewer - a | rings. She scorns the most valuable good critic, interested in Jewish fic- | gems, demanding only an emerald tion, especially the kind tinged with fantasy a la Isaac Bashevis Singer when I opened the book and started to read "Gematria." Here is its first being murdered in peculiar ways paragraph:

"Eight emeralds lay on the pale green felt square. Rosensweig fingered the edge of the cloth. He had chosen it carefully to accent the color of the jewels. Had it been sap message: "Keep the Corner." phires on display, he would have used his baby blue felt, and for ru- tale develops, though astute readers bies the delicate pink, but like everyone else on the block he had his specialty, emeralds, so that the bud-green cloth was used more fre- lives in the Pierre Menard Towers, quently than all the others com- an apartment building that borrows bined. For a truly colorless its name from another Borges masdiamond, one that really incorporated the entire prism, he would have used the dead black cloth that sat underneath the rest, but he had never seen such a gent. Cynics claimed that utter flawlessness did not exist, but he kept the untouched cloth in his stack as a sign of faith in the idea of perfection.

The assurance of the prose, the entrancing voice of the storyteller. the allure of the title (gematria I knew — don't ask how — was the cabbalistic use of numbers to discover "the secret truths evident be- | wouldn't be?

neath the surface of language"), and, above all, that feather's touch of humor — all these were quite irresistible. But what about the plot? That too, it turned out, couldn't be better. A mysterious, sallow woman comes to New York's 47th Street lewelry district in search of a perfectly square emerald. She herself sign While the Messiah Tar- | wears no earrings, bracelets or with four sides. Rosensweig promises "to make inquiries." strangled by a whip wrapped three times around the neck.

I won't say more about how the will suspect the influence of Borges's great story "Death and the Compass." Rosenswelg actually Bukiet certainly expects it to be, such literariness adds a little fillip to the reader's pleasure, like recognizing that The Erudite Angler bookstore derives from the Gotham Rosensweig drops in, the shop's owner says, "Sir. We have just received a letter from Gershom Scholem to Walter Benjamin qualihaps you are interested." Who

Normally, short stories ought to be enjoyed slowly, taken one at bedtime or after meals. But so entrancing was "Gematria" that I kept reading Bukiet's collection until six hours later I turned its last page. Even so, I slipped back through the nine stories, returning to favorite sentences and passages. smiling over turns of phrase. A night club in a Russian neighborgood of Brooklyn is called the Whisky-a-Gogol (neatly appropriate for a story about doubles). On the face of an ambitious archaeologist, with the punning name of

stories are Jewish In tone, but even agnostics and **fundamentalists** will be charmed

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terplece. When detected, and Claude Morraine, one sees "the distinctively youthful look of intensive thought misapplied." A merchant prince of the garment industry kneads the fabric of a waiter's pants "with the kind of Book Mart (whose motto is "Wise stark intimacy that would have Men Fish Here"). When earned him a morals conviction any place west of the Hudson." A young Jewish student falls in love with a blonde gentile named Kelly. "the clarity of whose blue eyes had fying the nature of quiddity. Per- not been seen in Jerusalem since Richard, Coeur de Lion, departed in 1192, the year of his Lord." Be- fessor plans to bring it to life.

tween such obvious flourishes. with their Perelmanesque syntax or echoes of Stanley Elkin, Bukiet inserts perfect paragraphs of description, as in this memory of the Lower East Side in the '20s:

"Outside, lines of clothing hung over the streets like yachting flags, while from the gutters pushcarts sold screwdrivers and galosites, as they circled around the barrels of brine that contained sour, half-sour,

chance, a New Jersey lawyer sees an index card on the bulletin board of the Area military bookstore: "For sale, rare footage" of Heinrich Himmler "killing his beloved barnyard pets, as the war came to its sad conclusion, Call Roy." An elderly scholar attempts to translate the fragments of a mysterious civilization that may have been the original Eden. A student creates a model of the socient city of Jerusalem in a college gymnasium, and then finds that his grazed pro-

In their smoothness, tastical, Melvin Jules Bis Seeking salvation in services stories call to mind the under ciated short fiction of the Soil writer Fred Chappell (see is arry Elliott looks at vel-filled collection More & growth prospects
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their differing heritages to of the UK economy beguiling works of art that back and forth between by HE departure lounge at Aliand the surreal. Their initial cante airport has a bewigged

brine that contained sour, half-sour, and dill pickles, which were protected by heavy wooden lids from contamination by the chicken feathers that flew through the window of the slaughterhouse on Essex Street. Other vendors cried to the women behind the fire escapes to sharpen their scissors, or to the men to buy holy books nearly as ragged as their would-be readers."

Virtually all the stories in While The Messlah Tarries are strongly Jewish in tone, theme and dramatis personae, but even agnostics and fundamentalists will be charmed by the Bukiet magic. A dishonest kosher butcher falls for a gorgeous redhead who demands fried bacon in exchange for her hot favors. The devil, wearing a janitor's uniform, appears to a rabbi in a derelict shopping mail. By chance, a New Jersey lawyer sees an index card on the bulletin hoard. that they have been designed and the sound of long. "He went on for a jern" that Britain, in the words of long. "He went on for a jern" that ge conomist, has a "comparaphrasing Robert first advantage in bullshit", with then he got down to purious the gift of the gab — PR, law, (or reviewer) would like the gift of the gab — PR, law, calling wall" — or even would like the gift of the gab — PR, law, calling wall" — or even would like the gift of the gab — PR, law, calling wall" — or even would like the gift of the gab — PR, law, calling wall" — or even would like the gift of the gab — PR, law, calling wall wall wall was manufacturing? The probably does. For a start, the least necessity. It is at the size of trade in services, country that doesn't make confidence that comes with the six of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling wall of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab — PR, law, calling end of the gab

deas, Second, Britain's interral position is not that wonder-agely due to the extinction of eachant shipping fleet and the mass in overseas travel, the sur-Michael Dirda is a writer and edit

changed in current prices from 1979. And Britain's share of world trade in services has been steadily declining since 1960. One school of thought argues

that the preoccupation with manufacturing is a form of inverted anobbery which, in essence, fails to appreciate that the world has changed and the lucrative markets will be in services. "If it does turn out that we are relatively [more] efficient in world terms at providing services than at producing goods, then our national interest lies in a surplus on services and a deficit on goods," the then Chancellor, Nige

Lawson, said a decade ago.

This view was dismissed by Arnold Weinstock, chairman of GEC, who wondered what the service sector would be servicing there was no manufacturing base.

A decade later, the received wisdom is that Lord Weinstock was over-gloomy and that prospects are rosy for manufacturing and services. Devaluation, the supply-side improvements in the 1980s, the impact of inward investment, or a combination of these, have transformed the outlook for trade, resulting in the current account no longer acting as a constraint on growth.

But suppose for a moment that nothing much has changed. Assume that the effects of devaluation have washed through the system. the value of exports from foreignowned plants is largely offset by the high import quotient of the goods sold, and the hard evidence of the 1980s reforms remains elusive.

circuit on the boom-bust roller-coaster would be one too many.

O WHAT could go wrong Not much, provided world

trade grows rapidly over the next 10 years, by around 7.5 per cent a year. If that happened, Britain would be able to continue expanding at its long-run post-war trend of But 7.5 per cent world trade | 2 per cent to 3 per cent of GDP).

growth is quite an assumption, representing almost a doubling of the: performance in the 1980s, even allowing for the promised benefits of the Uruguay round that is pushing it, Instead, the Cambridge paper assumes a more modest, and almost certainly more realistic, 5.5 per cent annual growth in world trade.

From this point, the paper adumbrates three paths for the economy: a base projection; a Super-Serv scenario focused on the expansion of Britain's traditional strength in hon-The odds then would be on the | manufactured tradable goods such | In Alicante.

plus on services last year was up- | current account widening, particularly if consumer spending were let off the leash. The UK tends to suck in more imports in good times than

vice sector to compensate for the decline of manufacturing. The assumption here is that the trend in other countries. The potentially dismanufacturing remains the same as in the base projection, but the vol-ume of financial and miscellaneous astrous consequences of pumping up consumption before the next election in pursuit of votes are well services exports doubles. known to the Bank of England and By 2003, total British exports of the Treasury. They think another services would exceed those of the US and would be double those of

Japan. Per head of population, Britain would export five times The potential problems have been laid out in a paper by three Cambridge academics, Andy Cosh, Alan Hughes and Bob Rowthorn, for the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, established by the Institute for Public Policy Research. more P&M services than the US and four times more than Japan. This might be pushing things. Cosh, Hughes and Rowthorn conclude, taking into account that UK trade in manufactures at £230 mil-

times the £27 billion trade in finan-cial and miscellaneous services, that "improvements on this scale The Fast-Man theory assumes an attempt to build up the manufacturing base, with capital investment risaround 2.5 per cent without a worsening current account position. ing by around 50 per cent from £12 crucial £3 billion barrier.

> ment is at long last beginning to show signs of picking up. The Government's view is that it can best leave things to the private sector to respond positively to the new low-inflation environs

lion last year was more than eight

On this basis, investment allowances or spending on the Infra-structure are a waste of money. As opposed, of course, to cutting personal taxation, which has a miracu-lously beneficial economic impact.

#### as financial services, telecommuni cations and TV; and a Fast-Man op-

tion predicated on a larger and more internationally competitive Broadcasting System's Cable News Network, which would In the base scenario, the ten dency of imports to grow more make him the most powerful media magnate in the world. Meanwhile, profits of his Bridsh rapidly than exports gradually reasserts itself as the impact of devaluation wears off. With growth of 2.5 media group, News International, more than doubled to £778.7 per cent a year, manufactured exports would grow by 64 per cent by 2003; the problem is that imports

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Generations of students, at first often disheartened by the speed and brilliance of his mathematical perception, held him in awe when they realised that this facet of his gifts concealed his deep dedication to encouraging and helping them. Among his students were Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee, who won the Nobel prize for physics in 1957. Chandra was awarded medals and honorary degrees from major nstitutions throughout the world. His wife, Lalitha, survives him.

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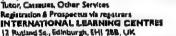
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Generations of students, at first often disheartened by the speed and brilliance of his mathematical perception, held him in awe when they realised that this facet of his gifts concealed his deep dedication to encouraging and helping them Among his students were Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee, who won the Nobel prize for physics in 1957. Chandra was awarded medals and honorary degrees from major institutions throughout the workl. His wife, Lalitha, survives him.

#### **Anthony Tucker**

#### Life told in pictures

Altred Eisenstaedt

A LFRED EISENSTAEDT, who has died aged 97, was a photographer who followed this century. He was born into a prosperous levish family in Dirschau, West Prussia, in 1898, and moved to Berlin in 1906. There he took his first photographs, starting on his lith birthday when an uncle gave BUSINESS TO BUSINES in an Eastman Kodak folding camin and he commenced taking picares of skaters on Grunewald Lake. President & CEO of Cause Ive a fitness fanatic, he was still

> like so many others (Munkacsi mong them), Nazism forced Eisenstands to flee to the United States in 1935, where he enrolled with the hix photo agency. A year later, Life stanhead were Margaret Bourke-White Thomas McAvoy, Peter Sackpole and Alfred Eisensuch The magazine's founder, Heavy Luce, was wont to jest that

tler was his greatest ally: "All I bato do was to sit in New York and Tik for them [the Jewish photograthen until its demise in 172. Elsenstaedr's name became artially inseparable from that of he magazine. He photographed

fornian ranch. ers, and maintained and exended the photo-journalistic tradi-Accolades, exhibitions and books

ment, and the acceptance of photography in our daily lives than any other institution."

Eisenstaedt was one of its stars - and behaved like one. Writers accompanying him complained in exasperation of his practised incompetence at purchasing a postage stamp, changing a dollar, washing his socks, calling a cab or ordering a meal. Famous for calling their hotel rooms to enquire what the weather was like outside, one remembered: "He posed so relentlessly that attendant reporters ended up as basket cases, rebels, or reluctant nannies."

Despite assignments the world over, it took until 1979 for Eisenstaedt to return to Germany. He found it dramatically altered, yet chose to recoup some of his earlier subjects, re-photographing the former heavyweight boxing champion Max Schmeling as a suave Coca-Cola executive and Leni Riefenstahl, the film-maker. "I don't see Germany with political eyes," he said. "I see pictures."

In 1980, the New York International Centre for Photography mounted an exhibition of Eisenstaedt's work in Germany. The collection was immediately published and the following year it won the Art Directors' Club 60th Annual Merit Award. The same year he became the first photographer to be invited to document Ronald Reagan's Cali-

continued through the 1980s. In 1985, he defined his work and his tradition with his own book Elsenstaedt On Eisenstaedt. Placing one of his most fainous shots of Marlene Dietrich (whom he photographed during the filming of The Blue



closed the book with a double portrait of the film director Rainer tently dispassionate and utterly werner Fassbinder with the successor" Hanna Schygulla on the set of Berlin Alexanderplatz: ' '''

Like his features, the accompany ing captions were used to move the the improvement, the advance Angel) firmly on the cover, he style, as ever, was clearly profes. August 23, 1995

born December 6, 1898; died

#### A nose for the company

ord White of Hull

N A business world increasingly dominated by colourless automatons wielding calculators and lap-tops, Lord White of Hull, who has died aged 72, represented a swashbuckling, entrepreneurial strain in finance in which significant decisions were based on instinct rather than Harvard Business School models.

It was his unerring eye for the good deal which helped to lift Hanson, the company he created with his long-term business partner Lord (James) Hanson, above the crowd, turning a relatively modest survivor of the financial turmoil of the 1970s into one of the more fascinating industrial successes of recent years.

The flamboyant style exemplified y White was much admired by Mrs Thatcher, and in 1979 he was knighted by the then new Prime Minister. But it took another decade before he was elevated to the peer age after intense lobbying by Lord Parkinson.

In the last few years, White was seen less in public as he gradually handed over power at Hanson Industries, the group's US arm, to his annointed successor, David Clarke. Close City colleagues believe it was the deterioration of his health, more than anything else, which led the Hanson group to pursue a more conservative path in the 1990s.

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Through a lens gently: Alfred Eisenstaedt's famous shot of New Yorkers celebrating VE Day

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Is it really a wedding to remember or just a rum do? Madeleine Bunting on the mass ceremonies in Korea where thousands of virtual strangers tie the knot

ANT TO marry but can't in Seoul is a milestone on a spiritual journey, and part of the process by How about applying to a which world peace will eventually Korean minister who will match you prevail. Once a couple have been with a partner not just for this life blessed, their children will no but for eternity? A warning: you | longer have "fallen natures", or orig-may not share a common language, | inal sin: they can become perfect may not share a common language, inal sin: they can become perfect you will probably not live in the and these "God-centred families", as same country, you will have only a couple of days to get to know each | dom of Heaven. other before you marry and you will most likely have to attend a mass wedding in the Olympic Stadium in

You will arrive with up to 80,000 lily: Moon has done — with a much other brides and grooms in a fleet of coaches, sit in the heat on a plastic seat for several hours for a blessing from a rotund man and his wife and have nothing to eat but a slice of Swiss roll and a can of cola,

Forget the passionate wedding night; couples are expected to wait 40 days after the marriage and then they "seek to put God into their physical relationship by praying together before making love and reading holy words" - according to George Robertson, spokesman for the Unification Church in London who himself had an arranged marriage in 1982.

It may be hard to understand why anyone would opt for such an arrangement but thousands of members of the Unification Church better known as the "Moonles" knot last week in Seoul. Another the world's problems can eventually 330,000 already married couples of be put right through the "purificaother faiths — Christians, Muslims, I tion and sanctification" of the family, Jews — joined in the biggest blessing staged by the church in a ceremony linked by satellite over four aged 35, from Yorkshire, it is a fercontinents: 50,000 in Africa, 20,000 | in South America, 30,000 in Europe, . 50,000 in Japan and so on. About 2,000 signed up for a midnight ceremony in central London; while are members of the Unification smaller ceremonies were scheduled for other parts of Britain. It was told me about being matched, I billed as one of Rev Moon's last | thought That makes sense.' I had mass weddings, which have oc- always thought 'If God would show curred every three years since 1982 | nie the right man, it would cut out and are probably one of the most ef- all the heartache." fective global publicity atunts ever. Photos of the choreographed brides and grooms appear all over the world, raising the profile of this cu- enormous sense of pride. I was part rious Korean home-brew Christian-lty. But to the followers of Rev Sun Myung Moon the bizarre ceremony disillusionment and cynicism."

the chosen few, will set up the king-

Moon claims to be completing the mission of Jesus Christ which was cut short by crucifixion. Jesus should have married and had a famvounger woman — and has 13 chil dren. The Unification Church is an advance on other faiths because i has moved beyond the patriarchal tradition to a model of the family it is the only church headed by a man and a woman.

Initially, Moon attended big gatherings of hopeful single people known as "matchings", in New York or Seoul to pair people up - men on one side of the room, women on the other. Now there are too many and applications, with a photo, have to be sent to the headquarters in Scoul where Rev and Mrs Moon spend months matching up couples. The idea is that Moon uses great spiritual insight to find the right partner for each person. "The greatest prob lems in our world have their root in the breakdown of the family ideal," the church's brochure claims, so all

This may sound like gobbledegook to you but to Belinda Noda, vently held belief. Disabled by a car accident a decade ago, Belinda was married at the 1992 blessing to a Japanese carpenter, Mitsua. Both Church. 'The first time someone

George Robertson was married to an Austrian woman at the first mass blessing, in 1982, in Seoul, "I had an



Bless them all . . . Some of the 20,000 couples who were married at the great wed-in in 1992

This idealism sits uncomfortably with the public image of the Unification Church. In the late seventies this was the "cult which breaks up families", in the famous Daily Express headline which prompted a libel trial. The Moonies were variously accused of brainwashing followers, being involved in the armaments industry and planning to take over the country. They have largely faded from view since, reappearing occasionally to provoke a risson of horror when discovered to be sponsoring academic, religious or political conferences through such front organisations as the Professors' World Peace Academy, the Council of World Religions and the International Cultural Foundation.

iominantly young people who were attracted in the seventies and they were sometimes a little hotheaded and abandoned their studies and their families. The church in Britain claims 600

days, Robertson admits. It was pre-

members; others put it at half that. Membership worldwide is allegedly half a million but there's a disturbing sloppiness about figures. Robertson talks of this as a "core membership" and then adds in all those who attend their conferences — which would include several Nobel prize winners, Ted Heath and George Bush. Behind the conferences — and a big art funding scheme — seems to be the hope that some of the respectability of the participants will rub off on the

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buy the real thing.

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Perhaps this is also whethind this year's bumper to Unequal Struggle

By extending the ceremony Unequal Struggle

ten-fold. Robertson says AUN report which calls on countries to count the cost members of the Church off including "several" clarge of women's work will set the agenda for the Beiling Catholics had planned to conference this month, writes Victoria Brittain

anyone to be interviewed.

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global output of \$23,000 billion. Women's economic status has been comprehensively researched in more than 80 countries

The report is likely to make as big an impact at this month's UN women's conference in Belling as the 1994 human development report did in setting the agenda for the UN social summi earlier this year, Oxfam welcomed the report, saying it was 20 years overdue.

Among its proposals are new national income accounts which by revealing how much women's work is really worth, will change women's status. "It will shatter male society to see that women are actually the breadwinners and in our societies, where status is determined by economic

value, things will change," says Dr ul Huq.

League tables showing the diferences in work patterns between men and women show that on average women work 13 per cent more than men. Differences hetween countries are marked.

In Italy, for instance, women work 28 per cent more, while in Denmark they work 2 per cent less, in rural Kenya they work 35 per cent more, in Nepal 5 per cent more.

Dr ul Huq stresses "equal wages, equal political power, equal opportunities". One immediate proposal is to tackle inequality of credit --- only 5 per

The World Bank has just announced the launch of an international Grameen bank. The Grameen bank in Bangladesh lends money to the poorest women in rural areas to set up small enterprises and has a 95 per cent recovery rate.

For the first time the gaps in opportunities between men and

women have been measured. The report's Gender Empow erment Measure (GEM) mensures women's participation in economic, political and professional activities. Only the Nordic countries pass the critical 30 per cent threshold for women.

Britain, Frauce, Spain and lapan are among the poorest performers for rich countries. Better scores on the GEM index come from Italy, Barbados, Trinidad, Cuba and Hungary.

But there is no society in which women fare as well as men, the report emphasises. Its Gender-related Development Index (GDI) compares literacy, life expectancy and economic data.

Sweden scores best with 0.92 out of a possible score of 1.00. But out of 130 countries, 45 score below 0.5. Most are in Africa, but they also include India, Pakistan, Burma, Nepal and Haiti.

The report was launched in Oslo a fortnight ago by the Norwegian prime minister, Gro Harland Brundtland, She emphasised that Norway's progress towards equality was achieved by legislation and quotas.

Dr ul Huq says: "Aggressive affirmative action has been extremely successful in changing the picture in the Nordic coun-

He hopes that other countries will be pushed by Beijing into taking that road, unfashionable though affirmative action now is, particularly in the United States.

Another aim for Beiling is to persuade the 41 countries which have not signed the 1979 convention on the elimination of discrimination against women to do do; the six, including the United States, which have signed but not ratified, to ratify; and the 43, including Britain, which have ratified it with reservations, to withdraw the reservations.

The report urges the adoption of a 10-year deadline to end legal discrimination against women.

It also proposes, on one of the issues which unites women across the world, that Beijing should declare rape a war crime.

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In it she chronicles her years first

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tion to prove that they didn't have sex together. Min draws parallels between the ives of modern middle-class women

and the predicament of concubines in ancient times — neither had many choices about their destiny. 'We grew up with few choices and were forced to sacrifice our emotions for the good of the party. I see many women in the same position ( was. They have determination and dreams but few opportunities. They are unable to make anything of their lives. I think slowly it is changing."

The book also highlights the extent of human rights violations against Chinese women, currently being investigated by the US-based Human Rights in China organisation. It is still not uncommon for women In rural villages to be abducted and forced to marry a land-owner, or be sold into prostitution. Min writes about the high incidence of rape among farm workers and of how women have been encouraged to abandon female babies since the one-child rule was introduced, resulting in an estimated 500,000 "miss-

ing" baby girls per year. "It's not just a government thing, it's a question of educating people. No one is forcing those women to abandon the babies, It's just something they've been conditioned to do." She has applied for permission to address the forthcoming Beijing conference on women but, as yet, she has had no response from the authorities. "That is the Chinese way, to avoid conflict, to do nothing."

She doesn't hold out much hope for what will be achieved for Chlnese women at Beijing. "I think it has nothing much to do with Chinese women and because of that they are pretty indifferent to it. We

will see," she says with a sigh, Her own life has been transformed since moving to America. bad we're divorced now."

Although her books have been banned in China, she is allowed to to take a Chinese man and an American way a powerful work as powerful work

ple and people in the media. I am an inspiration to them because my story is the same story as what happened to everyone of my generation. Thousands of people who grew up with the idea that it was acceptable to denounce your mother, father or teachers can identify with my story. I was able to survive, go to America and become a name. That's very menuraring '

S HE ADMITS she considered denouncing her father when she was a child for expressing dubious political opinions. Around a quarter of children denounced their parents during that time. One of the most disturbing passages in Red Azalea is when Min denounces her teacher. Autumn Leaves, in front of her school for being an Imperialist sympathiser. Years later, when she meets Autumn Leaves again by chance, the teacher pretends not to know who

"I find talking about this very difficult," says Min, on the verge of tears. "I have chosen to tell my story but it doesn't make answering questions about it any easier. When people ask me whether I still see my camp commander, Yan, I can't handle it. I can't locate her now. I tried to contact her a few years ago but she didn't want to see me. She thinks that in my eyes she's a failure. She doesn't realise that I've changed, I'm educated and I still see her as a hero.'

To date. Min has been marketed as a lesbian campaigner and as one of a group of sharp female Chinese writers to emerge in recent years along with Jung Chang, author of Wild Swans, and Amy Tan. She rejects the idea that she is a lesbian despite having written a deeply erotic account of her first love affair with a woman. "If Yan had been a Zebra, a young Chinese woman. | She met a teacher, also from Shang- | man, I would still have had sex with

> him." She pauses for effect. Too | full credit to Madam Mao. "Communism gave us the idea of female heroism in a very vivid form. I grew up listening to Madam Mao's operas over and over again, and there was always a powerful woman on the

### Myths behind Microsoft's brave new world

**Douglas Adams**, author of The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, argues that Windows 95 is more hype than hope for the future

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// / HAT ON Earth is going on? V V Have we found intelligent life on other planets? Abolished war and famine? Have we even devised a better way of using computers? No. All of programming by boy genius that's happened is Microsoft has re- Gates. It wasn't brilliant and Gates it's now more like the Macintosh.

As part of last week's billion-dolar festival of smoke and mirrors, chairman and chief executive Bill Gates has apparently paid the IBM PC was launched into a market Rolling Stones millions for the right | which had hitherto been serviced to use Start Mc Up, the song which by garage companies named after s better known for its catchy refrain | bits of fruit it carried the imprimatur "You make a grown man cry".

millions of people start trying to install Windows 95. Even the best designed systems can be a nightmare to upgrade, but whatever things Microsoft may be famous for good systems design is not, as it happens, one of them.

Let's dispel a few myths. There's one which says that the original PC operating system was a brilliant feat modelled its operating system so that | didn't write it. He acquired it, "shrewdly", from the Seattle Computer Company and then immediately licensed it on to another, larger, outfit called IBM. When the

This is a phrase you may hear a lot of over the next few days as millions of people start trying to failed to realise that any fool could make the boxes, but the hand that owned the software ruled the world. Big Blue had given the kid Gates a free ride into the stratosphere and

of people doggedly learned to run their businesses on a system that was written as a quick lash-up for hobbyists and hackers. Was there

then, astoundingly, found itself starting to fall away like a discarded booster rocket. Sadly, this new world software standard was actually a piece of crap. MS-DOS, as Gates called it, had started life as QDOS-86, or the Quick & Dirty Operating System, which told you all you needed to know about it. A whole generation

scientists to research the man/machine interface. They devised a graphical system, using windows, icons and mice, Oddly, Xerox failed to follow this up, and the research was taken up and brought to market by Apple Computer as the Macintosh. After a shaky, underpowered start, this machine matured into a well-integrated system which was not only very powerful, but a real

The Microsoft line on all this was that windows were for wimps. The truth was that plain old MS-DOS couldn't actually do them. Graphics, mice, networking, and a whole lot else, had to be added to the basic core of QDOS as one afterthought after another, which is why Wintel computers are so fiendiably compli-

cated to set up and maintain. Gates, however, had always known which way the future lay, one of truit it carried the imprimatur of a world-renowned name and sold in the 1970s Xerox had funded a the awkward juggling act of rubbahing Apple's user interface while in the first part of the minto it in the minto it in the minto it in the

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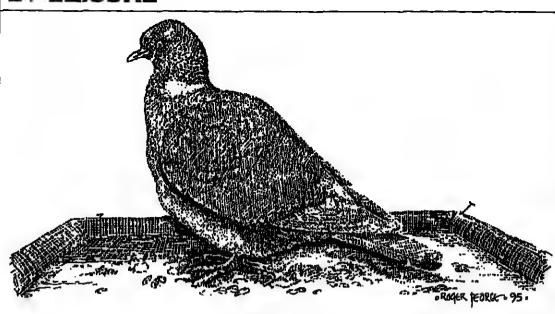
Rising sun . . . novelist Anchee Min

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> college creative writing programme, jotting down her painful experiences of the life she left behind. "It

her up and sold Red Azalea, which went on to top the bestseller lists. Now she has written a second oook, Katherine (Hamish Hamilton, £15.99), a novel about an American teacher working in Shanghai during the 1980s and her friendship with An awful lot of people with lot

dinary lives. · "Although it's fiction, a lot of the incidents in the book did, unfortubegan as a kind of therapy, because | nately, happen. For example, I write | banned in China, she is allowed to I didn't know how else to deal with | about a situation where Zebra, the | go back as often as she wishes. "I'm chairman of the workers' union, has | not sure why they allow it but I sup-



### Doves, pigeons and innovations

ID YOU notice an anomaly in I the article entitled "Were the experts mistaken?" (April 16)? Dr John Capon, writing in 1933 when he was 17 and holidaying with a Norfolk vicar, states:

"I remember that these mucky little doves, as they were affectionately known, were so common that they sat in the trees, waiting for the chickens to be fed. They then descended on the grain. I built a hide and shot 20 of them one morning. They just looked around as their neighbours fell out of the trees, as if to say, "That's funny!"

The anomaly is that John Capon thought nothing of shooting 20 of the doves in a single morning. Now, 60 years later, I very much doubt whether he would dream of committing such a massacre. Collared doves have become such a familiar feature of both town and village that they are mostly regarded as domestic poultry. We see them perched on every electricity pole and telephone post, greeting with their cooing the pass-

60 years of nature protection. Now, in the past 10 or 15 years, I have noticed a similar tolerance of the wood-pigeon. Wood-pigeons descend on the food I put out for birds every morning and pay little attention to my wife and myself. Sixty years ago they would have taken flight the moment we appeared. And with reason, for the appearance of a man implied that he carried a gun, which meant death. It was only in town parks that wood-pigeons were safe.

And that was reasonable, for 60 years ago we were back in an age when anything larger than a thrush represented something for the pot, a bit of meat to add to the stew. Today pigeons are shot by young farmers seeking target practice, or by farmers protecting fields of kale, though even that is generally unnecessary, for pigeon-damaged greens usually recover completely when spring comes.

A new Idea in weed control is undergoing trials on a Bedfordshire farm. The general procedure is "blanket" spraying, which means spraying the whole field, but this

Chess Leonard Barden

SOME chess openings acquire their names from those who have discovered or popularised the critical moves. The Benko Gambit 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5, the Grunfeld 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 and the Fischer Defence 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d6 all have blue-blooded pedigrees.

Others are more obscure. You could probably guess that the Cambridge Springs variation was played in the 1904 grandmaster tournament in a US township, but few would realise that the Orang-Utang 1 b4 was played and named by Dr Tartakover after his visit to the zoo during the New York 1924 tournament.

Now there is an opening that has been named after a block of flats. The "Clarendon Court" has the moves 1 d4 c5 2 d5 f5, and GM Jonathan Levitt, who has advocated it, lives in Clarendon Court, Finchley, It made its mark at the British Championship in Swansea where it demolished the No 2 seed.

#### Mark Hebden-Aaron Summerscale

1 d4 c5 2 d5 f5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 g3 This approach treats the CC as a variant of the Dutch Defence 1 d4 f5. 4 Bg5? Qb6l 5 Qd2 h6 6 Bxf6 Qxf6 7 e4 g5 would concede Black too much activity.

cation in a field of an infestation of g6 5 Bg2 d6 6 Nh3 Na6 7 0-0 weeds. These maps show enormous Ba7 8 a4 0-0 9 Nb5?! White has variations in yield, mostly caused by more space and possible targets in fertilisers and aprays have been ap-Black's ambitious pawn front, so the logical plan seems 9 Re1 alming for An American scientist has been a timely e2-e4 and pressure on eff working on a breed of chicken and e7. Exchanging pieces, as in the game, helps Black. which is kinder and gentler than the

Nc7 10 Nf4 a6 11 Nxc7 Qxc7 12 a5 Rb8 13 c4 Better 13 c3. Ng4l 14 Qc2 b5 15 axb6 Qxb6 16 Nd3 Qb3 17 Qxb3 Rxb3 clous pecking order under artificial light. He has based his experiments on high egg production, but found that the winners produced more Now the CC shows its strong side: eggs because they got along better Black has the typical Q-side activity from a Benko or King's Indian, with And from Japan comes an idea for the 15 pawn a useful bonus which herding cows to music. A loudstops White rolling central pawns speaker, audible 600ft away, is by e4, f4 and e5. placed in the cows' manger. Now, when it is feeding time, the loud-

18 Bg5 Kf7 19 Ra3 Rxa3 20 ing cars and descending to patronise the garden bird tables. Such is a measure of the civilising influence of the

**★** A109652

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21 e4 fxe4 22 Bxe4 Ba67 Rc1 Rb8 24 Bf3 Ne5 25 Nas Bxe5 26 Bg4 Rb3 27 Be6+18 28 f4 Bb2 29 Rc2 Bxa3 1 Bh6+ Ke8 31 Bg7 Rb1+32 M Rc1 33 Rf2 Bxc4 34 f5 gd3 Rxf5 Kd8 36 g4 Rc2+ 37 kg Bb2 38 Bxb2 Rxb2 39 R8+ kg 40 Ra8 Rd2 41 Resigns.

Another rare visitor at Swans was 1 d4 d5 2 c4 Bf5. This sequence used to be anonymous, mostly use by beginners who didn't know yo should develop knights before his ops. Now it is the "Baltic Defence" in honour of Keres, a great Estoria master, and of Rausis, an unknown Latvian who plays it frequently (4)

Matthew Sadler-Mark Condi

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Bf5 3 cxd5 Bxb1 40s c6 5 Rxb1 Qxd5 6 Nt3 Nf6 7 Nbd7 8 b4 e5 9 dxe5 Nxe5 l0 N Qxe5 11 b5 Rd8 12 Be2 Bd6 13 hr 0-0 14 cxb7 Bb8 15 Bb2 Q6 166 Ne4 17 Rbd1 Nd2 18 Rfe1 h5 19 k Ne4 20 Bf3 Ng5 21 Bxf8 Nxfl+1 gxf3 Qh3 23 Bd6 Rxd6 24 Qe8+ kl 25 Qxb8 Resigns.

No 2386



Zsuzsa Polgar v Boria Spassi Women v Veterans, Prague 1995. rare glimpse of vintage Spassky, he did Black (to move) win quickly?

No 2384: Kel-d2, elBxf2, Bel. C

# Clearing up in Bermuda after Hurricane Felix FHOTO: STEPHAN BANDIA Sadler was ready, and by more! Black's opening could already her named the Titanic Defence.

### Divine intervention

T WAS a severe storm in 1609 that set in motion Bermuda's destiny as a British colony and that eventually gave rise to our motto, Quo Fata Ferunt. Once again Bermuda's future has been effected by a storm. August 15 was the original date set for a referendum determining whether or not Bermuda should become independent of Britain. However, Hurricane Felix, which narrowly missed the island at nine the previous night and whose fierce winds wreaked havoc well into the early hours of the morning, put an end to that and caused chaos in more ways Partial damage to the wall of

the causeway which connects St George's and St David's with the rest of Bermuda, blocked roads and broken power lines meant that for many residents attending the polling stations was impossible. Most of us were too busy assessing damage to our houses and boats and hoping that electricity would be restored as quickly as possible to give much thought to the

For the civil service and the politicians, though, the storm meant legal and political confusion. They spent the 15th disagreeing on whether the referendum should be post-Poned indefinitely or held the following day. After legal and Political wrangling it was eventually decided that the polis would open on the morning of the

And open they did. Fifty-eight per cent of the electorate calmly duly gathered in the first club policy and returned a heart, ruffed by the and returned a heart, ruffed by the and returned a heart, ruffed by the and returned a heart, ruffed by the and 73 per cent of the polling stations and 73 per cent of them voted against independence. As a result, Sir John Swan, leader of the ruffing United Bermuda Party (UBP) resigned.

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What does this all mean? I can't help thinking that the whole issue smacks of Shakesnoore. kespeare. The Tempest after all was apparently inspired by a <sup>contemporary's</sup> account of the storm that forced Sir George omers to land on Bermuda's shores in 1609. In any case, an

ill wind blows through many of his plays, often indicating the Possibility of divine disapproval A Bermudian senior citizen I met while frantically searching for D batteries in a supermarket night have had this in mind

thought he was referring to the fact that though the storm cost us billions in lost revenue, it did not cost us one life or casualty. But no, he meant: "The good Lord does not want us to have

Mr Frederick Wade, leader of the opposition Progressive Labour Party, might not have agreed with his conclusion but he too saw Hurricane Felix as possible heavenly intervention According to the daily Royal Gazette, he was quoted as saying: "Even God doesn't want a

During the course of the election I half expected a total eclipse of the sun or a lioness to whelp in the street. Neither event happened but three days later Hurricane Felix returned. Now, I ask you, what hurricane moves south? This one did, teasing the island with strong gales and torrential rain. "Huh," said the cashier at the check-out in the supermarket when I was yet again searching for D batteries. "See? God wants us to be independent."

ILL THE topic of inde-pendence, like the storm, come back to haunt us? Perhaps. Even without the advent of Hurricane Felix, it has been confusing enough. Although many PLP members are fervently against British colonialism, Mr Wade asked them to abstain from voting on the grounds that a referendum should not be the means of achieving independent

The fact is that he didn't want Sir John as Bermuda's first prime minister, and neither did nis supporters. As for the UBP, it has not been as united as its name suggests. Some ministers felt that independence would mean certain economic ruin and were alienated by Sir John's passionate insistence that Bermuda is ready to stand alone. Others disappointed by the result. Once again, The Tempest could be apposite: "We split, we split!" Should the PLP win the next general election - which could be in as little as 18 months the matter could be raised again True, Mr Wade has promised that he will not include independence in his election platform but as one truck driver told me, "This ain't over yet." when he said: "The good Lord is watching over us." At first I

In the meantime, one thing's for certain. Like Prospero, Sir John Swan has broken his staff.

### Doctor to the rescue Tony Redmond has spent I have helped revive victims halfway

20 years dealing with the world's disasters. He is currently in Sarajevo.

Robin Eggar reports

NMAY 1994, Tony Redmond secured £2 million of funding from the Overseas Development Administration to set up Operation Phoenix. During eight months of a fragile ceasefire he took teams of senior NHS doctors and nurses into besieged Sarajevo to treat the victims of war and to help restore some vestige of a public health service, As the hostilities slowly escalated, in-discriminate shelling returned and Serb snipers once again shot women in the back as they washed their kitchen floor, Phoenix became harder to sustain. When Sarajevo airport was closed it became impossible to continue.

It was not, however, the end of the story. Redmond, who is currently back in Sarajevo, has not given up. He never does. He has spent the best part of his 20-year career trying to establish the best possible medical support to cope with disasters and emergencies both at home and abroad.

Tony Redmond, aged 43, looks like the cliché of a sixties folk singer - a chunky, bespectacled Mancunian with a beard that appears to possess a life of its own. He has been driven by a compulsion to prove himself that probably began when he was the first member of his working-class family to go to university.

Perpetually balancing being an academic with getting his hands bloody, he is currently Professor of Emergency and Disaster Medicine at Keele University and a consultant on the Emergency Unit at North Staffordshire Hospital in Stoke on

In 1987, he set up the South Manchester Accident Rescue Team where volunteer teams of doctors and nurses assisted the emergency services at disaster sites. His team

down a collapsed tunnel, and oper-ated on a man impaled on the central reservation of a motorway. The following year he went out to the scene of the Armenian earthquake.

"I had never seen such an overwhelming number of dead people, coffins and bodies. It made me determined that this could be done better," he says. "Internationally many others thought that. It was a watershed and is looked upon as Day One of the new era of disaster

He had scarcely unpacked his bags back home when his team were scrambled to the scene of Lockerbie, "It was harrowing, in some ways worse than Armenia," he shudders at the memory. "The only disaster I've ever been to which gave me nightmares, the way people hung across fences like washing on a line, thrown over suitcases and Christmas presents."

■ E HAS no truck with those who criticise humanitarian aid as patronising, a panacea for post-colonial guilt. "I've always found that people trapped under rubble are not really interested in whether you are patronis ing them or not. If they are in pain, or need their little ones rescuing. people aren't that bothered about your personal motives." For Redmond there is no differ-

ence between natural disasters and the man-made hell in former Yugoslavia. Most of the victims are still innocent civilians. He has been on nnumerable fact-finding missions. His first trip into Sarajevo was on the Italian cargo plane that was shot down three weeks later. By the time he was back in London the ODA had £2 million of basic medical supplies on its way out. He visited Ser-bia. Macedonia and Kosovo to report on hardship there but somehow it was always Sarajevo that drew him back. He spent Christmas 1992 working in hospital emergency rooms which were themselves

In 1993, he supervised "Operation Irma", evacuating seriously ill children from Sarajevo. Later, he did the same with the children of Mostar. But it was not until the ceasefire of May '94 with aid pouring in under the joint UK-US initiative that he could finally put his plans into action.

"In Sarajevo there's no shortage of junior doctors," he says. "What they need is senior experienced medics because over half of their own have either been killed or escaped the city,"

He tried to get things back to a semblance of normality; bringing in dental supplies, books as the libraries had been burnt out, specialist cancer drugs for conditions that had gone untreated for two years, even photocopiers - "you can't run a public health service without one".

Most aid programmes recruit doctors for at least six months, which precludes experienced senior specialists working within the NHS. They can be seconded for periods up to a month, which until now has been considered useless in an emergency situation. With Phoenix, however, Redmond established a programme within which voluneers could come and go without osing the basic impetus.

There is an enormous wealth of intapped altruisin within the NHS. There is a spark of Dr Finlay and Albert Schweitzer in everybody but people get embarrassed," says Red-

Others might have given up long ago, bitter at those who kill and main their former neighbours.

"No I don't hate them, I get mystified, sad and very confused, I get angry and frustrated," he says. "We are all human beings and we tend to hide behind movements, governments, abstract non-human things in an effort to hide us from the responsibility of our own actions. When I think of Sarajevo I don't think of the snipers shooting people cleaning their kitchen floor I think of the wonderful people in the hospitals, patients I treated, the kindness I have been shown."

### Quick crossword no. 277

### Across

5 Hand tool --cocktail (11) 7 immediately

following (4) 8 Obvious (8) 9 Went off

course (7) 11 Gland secreting bile (5) 13 Card game,

implement (5) 4 Feverish (7) 16 French stick loaf (8)

17 Team arrogance (4) 18 Safe (3,2,6)

#### Down

1 Worry --- which the guitarist will use? (4)

2 Heavy Jersey (7 3 Hang in folds (5) 4 Extreme dislike (8)

5 Plant yielding

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#### Bridge Zla Mahmood

field bindweed, creeping thistle and

couch-grass, tend to occupy the

same area of a field year after year,

and any technique which can enable

the spray-operator to spray only the

weed patches can save the farmer a

mint of money. At the same time

Massey-Ferguson have been per-fecting a meter which measures

yields and records on a map the lo-

weeds, even though inputs of seed,

plied uniformly over the whole area.

average, which often develop a vi-

with their neighbours!

RECENTLY described a deal on | diamonds and this was the full deal: which Jaggy Shivdasani successfully led the two of spades from a holding of AKQJ 109832 against a slam contract in the World Pairs final. Stephen Duffy of London wrote to ask whether I really considered this an example of fine play — as it happened, the defence could defeat the contract without the risk that Jaggy took, and if his partner had not held the vital seven of spades, Jaggy would have looked very foolish. But whether or not the play worked, it was a daring and imaginative shot — and believe it or not, Jaggy had the chance to repeat the play a few deals later in the very onship. This was Jaggy's hand:

**♦None ♥6 ♦AKQ 103 ♠ 10987632** 

This was the bidding at game all:

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(1) Showing both minors, the "unusual no trump". Jaggy, trusting that his genie had

♥ AQJ10972 ♦ 8642 None

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came up with the goods. He produced the jack of diamonds at the first trick, he returned a spade for Jaggy to ruff, and the Indian magician had worked another miracle. This time, no other defence could possibly have succeeded.

One of my favourite stories con cerns the great Adam "Plum" Meredith, who was playing rubber orldge one day against a pair with a considerable reputation for gamesmanship and sharp practice. It was generally agreed that the best apnot deserted him, led the three of proach when playing against these | first trick!"

particular opponents was to b them before they fixed you Mer dith's partner was a reason! French star who found himself as French star who found himself to lead against a contract of six space with a void in hearts and a child of AKQJ 10862. In approximate the space of child space fashion, he led the two of club space duly gathered in the first club with the space of a heart return. **J** 8743

longer. "Don't you think you may have congratulated me on my led a low club?" he demanded. "Not " champion could co ally," said Plum. "You see, the the club position:

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"Against anyone else, have let them make their sign an overtrick. But against those had I thought I did pretty well to win the

#### Notes & Queries Joseph Harker

Y TV has 100 programma-ble channels. I use seven. What are the other 93 for?

R UPERT MURDOCH. — Glyn Brown, Mapperley, Nottingham

■ ACQUIRED a lapel badge with the words "Anti German Union 1915, Britain for the British, Good Queen Bess Expelled All Germans 1597". What is/was the Anti German Union? And why did Elizabeth I wish to rid the country of Germaner

dedicated to excluding German- and Austrian-born stockbrokers from membership of the London Stock Exchange between 1915 and 1918. Under pressure from the Union, the Committee of the Stock Exchange refused to reelect some 50 or so stockbrokers on these lines.

In a speech to the Committee in 1916, Gilbert Johnstone, chairman of the Stock Exchange, called for "the exclusion of all members of enemy birth, with some possible exceptions in cases where the mem- I the most part will consider snail eat- I don Road, London ECIM SHQ!

bers concerned could be proved to be of undoubted loyalty". Hugo Weinberger, who emi-

under constant fire.

grated to England in 1887, became a naturalised British citizen in 1892 and was a member of the Stock Exchange from 1895 until 1917, when his re-election was blocked. Despite having married an Englishwoman, with four English-educated children all doing patriotic war duty, Weinberger did not "prove to be of undoubted loyalty". The courts up to and including the House of Lords rejected Weinberger's appeal against the Committee's decision.

(Weinberger v Inglis [1918] 1 Ch 517, [1919] AC 606) — (Prof.) Harry from? — Lizzy Rogers, Birmingham

ARE THE varieties of smail commonly found in British gardens suitable for human

University of Sussex, Brighton

T'HAT DEPENDS upon the garden and the human. Perhaps some Francophiles could do so without difficulty. Greens will

ing an assault on British sover-eignty. Liberal Democrats will wait until someone they know eats one first. Scottish Nationalists will eat them out of loyalty to Eurocentrism and the Auld Alliance. Labourites will ask: "What's a garden?" Sun readers should have no problem as they'll swallow anything. — Ed Margerum, Massachusetts, USA

#### Any answers?

| UNDERSTAND that under the Vichy regime in France, the game of Rugby League (but not Rugby Union) was outlawed. Why? - DB Newall, Bolton, Lancs

O BIRDS ever suffer from fear of heights? --- K Richards

Answers should be e-mailed to weekly@cuardian.co.uk. faxed to eschew all snails save those from 0171/44171-242-0985, or posted certified organic gardens. Tories for to The Guardian Weekly, 75 Farring-





Last will and testament

When Dennis Potter died, he insisted his final two works be shared by the BBC and Channel 4. Peter Lennon sees how they are facing up to the challenges

2368AD. More and more discernible, and hideously upsetting, a HEAD seems to float in liquid nitrogen . . . the severed, part-thawed, electronically transmitted head of Daniel Feeld. The eyes are open, full of TERROR. The mouth seems to be trying to make word-shapes . . . trying to scream the ultimate terror of a mortal soul made immortal. DANIEL (near-scream): "No biogra-

HIS is a key scene from Dennis Potter's last work, Cold Lazarus, a characteristic example of his sardonic drollery. Someone is after Daniel's (Dennis's) mind and memory and Daniel/Dennis doesn't like it.

In Cold Lazarus, the writer hero of Karaoke, the penultimate Potter play, is having his deep-frozen head prodded by scientists in the year 2368. Meanwhile, Siltz, a satellite TV tycoon (transparently a Rupert Murdoch figure), plans to purioin the head and memory, realising that access to the lifestyle and mentality of the ancient past would make sensational prime-time viewing. After the bizarre — and banned on TV — Brimstone And Treacle (1976), in which the Devil rapes a mentally disabled girl, Cold Lazarus will probably stand as Potter's most disconcerting invention, reinforcing his reputation as a writer of originality and ferocious commitment.

But he once told me that his work was "more helplessly, more haplessly autobiographical" than he often intended. This was true certainly of The Singing Detective, in which an author of trashy fortles story of our lives is sort of already tracks and the dispute he invited story of our lives is sort of already tracks and the dispute he invited to his flat in Clipstone Street. thrillers (Potter relished self-mockery) slops around among his tormenting and tender memories while in a hospital bed suffering from psoriasis. This is the "leprosy" (family tradition had it that his grand-uncle was a leper) that Potter suffered periodically from the age of 26.

No man was ever more seasoned to withstand a death sentence than Potter when he was told that the additional pain he had been enduring for months was an inoperable cancer of the pancreas, with a sec-

"A little Valentine kiss," he called it.

His response was to set out with passion to meet a deadline. For once the term had its full, fatal resonance. With three months to live, he intended to produce a major work. Potter was the writer who more

than any other made television his missionary patch. In his last months he was driven by a vocation to an industry deficient in spiritually driven acolytes and by a sense of wanting to tell people "what they ought to know". A director who found Potter's work distasteful told me: "He'd really like to be Jesus, but he doesn't think he's up to it. He doesn't think Jesus was up to it either."

He began to meet his own schedule of 10 pages a day. He was always an incredibly fast writer but tried to hide it. "He was afraid the currency would be cheapened by it coming so easy," Kenith Trodd, his long-time producer, said, "He used to disguise it even from me. He'd say; 'I'll start work on Monday,' then wait two weeks before sending the material."

Astoundingly in those four months (he won a couple of bonus weeks before dying in June last year) Potter not only totally re-worked Karaoke, which had reached its delivery date for the BBC. but also produced another four-part TV serial in Lazarus.

These scripts are not just chunks of dialogue hastily thrown together, but intricate plots in which every camera angle, every reaction shot is recorded. Character is established by precisely described body lanmade up for us". The writer (played by Albert Finney), facing a death sentence, helplessly sees his own fictional story being carried out in real life. In Cold Lazarus, Potter deals with a world without government, run by corporations grabbing for the writer's brain.

· Potter had one last grandlose and slightly mischievous ambition: he would oblige the BBC and Chaunel-4 to unite to produce his last works. In his celebrated TV interview with

INTERIOR: Cryogenic Lab. Year | February 14 when he got the news: | quest: that the cultural rivals, BBC and Channel 4, should screen each

> TV bosses who should join hands: Alan Yentob and Michael Grade. Potter seemed to be demonstrate ing to the world, and particularly to Murdoch the called his cancer "Rupert"), that an honest man could, if only because he was dying, also control the policy of two channels. It was a gesture which was both a rebuke to shallow rivairies and an assertion of the power of the artist.

other's serials. He named the two

A complex man, Potter acknowledge edged a variety of motivations in himself, honourable and disreputable. When telling of how the "reeking injustice" of the class system outraged him when he went up to Oxford University, he said he felt he had "an obligation to declare his origins" and wrote his father's occupation in capitals: MINER. "There must have been an element of phoneyness in it," he admitted.

Passionate, sometimes bullying, he had a fierce sense of grievance. It once resulted in a prolonged falling out with Kenith Trodd, who had prevented him from directing The Singing Detective (a wise move given the mess Potter made of Black Eyes). But dramatic reconciliations were also typical of Potter.

He consciously exacerbated central problem for the serials: who should direct them? His choice was Renny Rye, director of Lipstick On Your Collar, Trodd, as producer, re-

fused to accept Rye.

Potter could be mischievous; his way perhaps of diverting his mind off Oxford Street, where only a few intimate friends were invited. Rye was there. Potter said: "Renny, you tor." If the intention was to embarrass them into abandoning their

selves into a kind of friendship. But Trodd's professional judgment did not change. On one of the Melvyn Bragg in April last year, Pot- last days Potter spent with him, Potondary cancer in the liver, it was ter sprang that commanding last re- ter said: "Ken, if you persist in rais- Daniel. This could be interpreted as

ing that matter I won't be able to die happy." Yet after Potter's death. | a subjective view and kye related by the last will and frontation with Potter's estate - essentially Potter's daughter, Sarah, and his agent, Judy Daish. He insisted that Potter's dying wish should be ignored and at least one of the scrials be given to another director.

The row became poisonous. Friends say that Daish, Potter's close friend, was convinced at one point that Trodd, a particularly bolshy operator, was doing this out of spite, to get his own back on Potter because of falling out over The Singing Detective, Trodd said this is nonsense. "But why," I asked him, "did you persist, disastrously after Potter's death in going against the family's wishes?" "They are not in the business," he said. "It is not their job to know. If you have that professional conviction; if you believe in the work and that the work is very precious and important, you must take that stand." It is true that Trodd worked,

stormily, with Potter from the earliest days. He was a contemporary at Oxford and was involved in the best work. Rye, on the other hand, is associated with two of Potter's less appreciated works, Lipstick On Your Collar and Midnight Movie. A judg-ment based on these works alone

Trodd finally gave in. There was a dangerous period of months of indecision by both channels until Potter's company, Whistling Gypsy Productions, had to say it was now or never. Yentob and Grade overruled the anxieties of the accountants and gave the go-ahead.

Now all the protagonists were gathered, as if in obedience to a summons by Potter, in his beloved Forest of Dean, pallbearers for his last work. They were shooting a 1950s dauce-hall scene, a flash-back from Cold Lazarus (Karaoke had been shot but not finally edited).

We were at Ross on Wye, in the heart of that area where much of Potter's best work is based - Pen-



Brylcreemed fellas over at the bar a cloak for his shyness. to get moving. The girls were trying to look sophisticated, the billowing dresses giving a fastidious air to should know Ken thinks you are a | their movements as they reached complete duffer as a choice of direc- out beyond the loop of their skirts to tap the ash carefully off their cigarettes. One youth swaggered over feud, it worked. Temporarily. The | and introduced a girl (Tara Woodtwo left together for the wine bar | ward) to young Daniel, home from below Potter's flat and drank them- Oxford. Dance-hall love is in the air as a suave vocalist mimes Smoke Gets In Your Eyes.

Potter's script indicates that the scene should be shot from behind

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about this liberty and it set compromise had to be readinated from page 26 which the scene was shot but a had dared to drop a song with jectively and objectively, denterence to him. Potter now decisions to the cutting room the a scene in Karaoke in which were they under a kind of trainier gets to punch the director blackmail to follow precisions has replaced Why Must I Be A dend author's directions? him juster In Love? with Your Potter had boxed them in with and Heart. tailed shooting script. "Yes, kitow, in Ross on Wye, an assisshooting script with directors director called out: "SILENCE! tails," Rye said, "to get M Track." Inside the dance hall, strongest possible indication of in the yard outside, everyone he saw it and wanted it to be; silent Technicians and director detailed instructions I follow, suched by the camera, extras

detailed instructions I follows: suched by the camera, extras don't. He did not want an taged by the camera, extras don't. He did not want an taged by the wall. Line productional dialogue, of course, and producer and snooping acto shoot all the dialogue as being and fell silent. Trodd, it. I hope I know what he want ples under his arm; stood with to do. I worked so closely win face down, as if in prayer. A carfor the past few years I woulder who had rattled down the one of those most likely to be latter of his van stood with hands Script changes are vetted by the wide in a "What did I do?" tate. So far, it has not complain westing tate. So far, it has not complain pressi At that moment many of them

OR ONCE, none of just have been realising that this rivalries affected the sign the last time they would be ule. At that stage a laking an original Dennis Potter coming to the end of location by At first it was only the techniing, they were only one hours of the sparent. But it soon took on fragmented work, which is the character of a traditional salute film-making proceeds, peoply thememory of the dead.
constantly coming up with Suddenly, from a workshop down

about working with a dying me a mad, there came the sound of Potter was, as he put it bery voices, the clang of metal with a heightened feeling of a laughter from an open garage "now-ness" of things: "Life ca or. As unconcerned part of the be defined in the present tens' tild was going its own way. spoke of the screnity this at You left that Potter, a generousgave him, the reassurance a haded man who, in his ferocious typically: "Not that I am inter by generally had the best of inten-

in reassuring people. Buggertins, both humane and artistic,
If there was turmoil and its public have grudged them. rity, it was among friends adleagues. Rye told how fracks and Cold Lazerus will be phoned him one night to say it: from by the BBC and C4 in the

only a few months to like rang talked for 40 minutes, not letting

And he said: Yes, I knewifth: talk, it would become septiar NEMA So I put in jokes'."

it seems that a couple of posterial Malcolm had started weeping on the 2 2008 who think Quentin

brought to Edinburgh provides the festival with its authentic operatic highlight, and the opportunity to sample at least something of what they have achieved at home in St Petersburg under the most diffi-

Monarchs of the deep

Fairytale charms . . . Alexander Morozov as the Sea King in Sadko

cult circumstances imaginable. The company's first offering was the father of all Russian operas, Glinka's Rusian and Lyudmila, in a concert performance in the Usher | nition to a body of work rarely Hall before moving to the Festival | heard in the West.

opera house in living memory.

Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh, given a concert performance on a flying visit to London last December, got the full treatment - a production of sorts by An-

sky-Korsakov not seen in a British

dris Liepa in the chocolate-box designs of Anatole Nezhny. The conductor, as ever, was the Kirov's phenomenal artistic director, Valery Gergiev, whose missionary zeal on behalf of Rimsky-Korsakov is already bringing international recog-

Theatre for a series of fully staged performances of two works by Rimthe quality of the music, a score of stunning imagination and dramatic effectiveness. But with the benefit of staging, even one as banal as this. the thrust of the opera becomes much clearer. It's a work about Christian belief and the possibilities of redensption. It speaks volumes for the quality

What was already clear from last

year's Barbican performance was

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of the Kirov performance that all four hours so triumphantly transcended the limitations of the production. The cast, led by Marina Shaguch's Fevronia and Sergei

with Gergiev working miracle after miracle in the pit, and the Kirov orchestra producing playing of assurance and power, Legend Of The Invisible City Of Kitezh emerged as close to a Rimsky-Korsakov masterpiece as could ever be hoped.

The second fully-staged Rimsky-Korsakov opera was Sadko. Even the smallest roles are frequently taken by singers who in most western houses would be reserved strictly for the leads — in Sadko, for instance, even the tiny offstage part of an apparition was sung by the imposingly authoritative baritone Nikolai Putilin, just'as in Kitezh the three minutes of The Bird Of Paradise went to the wondrous mezzo Larissa Diadkova, And with this depth of quality goes the sense of a vocal ensemble absolutely integrated and focused, as soloists and chorus sing with a fearless direct-ness and clarity which pin the audience to their seats. It is not pure gain; the art of

coarse opera acting persists at the Kirov in a way that would sometimes embarrass an amateur operatic and dramatic society. But almost always the power of the performance, the commitment and the sheer belief in what they're doing, transcend the dramatic limitations.

There's little beneath the fairytale surfaces of Sadko and its story of the minstrel who falls in love with the daughter of the Sea King and is carried off to an underwater world, save ample scope for Rimsky's exceptional orchestral imagination.

The Kirov's production is a loving replica of one first seen in St Petersburg at the turn of the century, complete with underwater ballets. It's a period piece of huge charm and a genuine historical curiosity, and with a cast led by the velvety-toned Valentina Tsidipova (Gorchakova's replacement) and the powerful and Naida's Prince Vsevolod, was effi-clent rather than outstanding, but its musical integrity to the very end. tireless tenor Vladimir Galusin, kept

## would almost script important Attention grabber with unusual thrills ments. So I said: You scripted:

**Andrew Clements** 

HE showcase of its wares that the Kirov Opera has

but in the end broken-

a cloak for his shyness.

When one reads his files script, there is a sense find the control operating on a future level is a down America, that you time has run out. His coencied white concerted some to the public they began to feel that what about to happen would not about to happen would not are looking so healthy! Their are looking so healthy! Their street promise, The Usual pects vies to become the street promise.

Byrne's corrupt cop. Earlier in time, if not in the film, a police round-up in New York includes the ex-cop and introduces us to several other villains, including a crippled squealer called Verbal (Kevin Spacey) and Stephen Baldwin's bad-tempered

Verbal is given immunity by the New York policeman in charge (Chazz Palminteri), in exchange for talking. But back in circulation, the gang of usual suspects pulls off a coup by re-moving \$3 million of emeralds from Paul Bartel's smuggler. Taking the jewels to a fence in

Los Angeles, the men become in-volved in another heist in which several are killed. The result puts them in thrall to a Mr Big. which sends us back to the dockside conflagration.

On this basic structure, the film constructs an elaborate entertainment with a simple moral - that you can't beat corruption even if you are inclined that way. There is always a more powerful broker somewhere around.

When you add to this mix a score from John Ottoman that isn't afraid to use classical music, editing from the same stupidly one day.

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Thomas Sigel that uses the widescreen better than most, you have a formidable lexicon of talent on display. And display it

is, since The Usual Suspects, though it has several ironic thoughts in its head about crime and punishment, seldom fails to provide what a good thriller should — the feeling that anything may happen. Among these are Benicio Del

Toro, excellent as one of the gang nembers, Pete Postlethwaite as Mr Big's lawyer fixer, polite but inflexibly tough, and Spacey, very fine as the thief who talks. Palminteri, Byrne and Baldwin are as good as you might expect them to be with something co-herent to do. Palminteri, in particular, seems to choose his parts well, with this following Woody Allen's Bullets Over Broadway and Robert De Niro's A Bronx Tale. But then these are parts most Hollywood denizens would die for.

As for Singer and McQuarrie, and you can't really divide the promise to real achievement. The Usual Suspects is cleverer and less theatrical than Reservoir Dogs, and beats Pulp Fiction for sheer subtlety.

Everything is relative, and this has not been a good summer, but I recommend this film as one that confidently sits up and bega for attention. If it doesn't get it there's not much hope left for those who recognise that the cinema is not just a vehicle for mammoth special effects or bland problem pictures. 1-11

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tives and "how interesting it was to

see a metre-gauge railway in opera-

tion", and his captor's bemusement

turns quickly into brutality. The

interpreter asks: "You are a railway

mania?", meaning maniac, and that,

in a way, is what Lomax has be-

The map and the interrogation

Leonard (Viking, £15)

EONARD keeps abreast more than most writers, folding his reading and viewing back into his stories. Debts indirectly acknowledged include the unlikely - Brian Keenan's An Evil Cradling - and the more likely - Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs. As a narrative mechanic Leonard's hard to beat. A once rich kid, now middle-aged, carries out a Beirut-style hostage job in Florida with help from two hired hands, including one who prunes his victims with garden secateurs. The painful unravelling of incarceration shows Keenan's influence. The rest is Leonard at near top form: a dancing storyline peopled with the dangerously (and touchingly) stupid, violence that bursts out of a clear afternoon, and a licensed psychic who plays peek-a-boo with the plot; can she be for real?

Sunburn, by Laurence Shames (Macmillan, £9.99)

RICHARD CONDON turned the Mafia on its head and into a joke with his Prizzi stories, a vein Shames also mines well, making funny with Mafia phonetics and the vanities of old capos grown frail. Despite a cast of so many aged, the plot starts jumping around like it's on speed when a Godfather, holidaying in Key West, decides to dump a lifetime's secrets on to a ghost writer, to the consternation of the FBI and mobsters. Best is Bert the Shirt, a retired hood, reluctantly drawn back in and despatched to wintry New York for the sad discovery that his old criminal haunt is now a Korean fruit store.

On Leaving a Prague Window, by David Brierley (Little, Brown

THIS SOMBRE tale of Prague coming to grips with itself is a meditative affair befitting the troubled conscience of a priest with a past. Guilt washes over the city like acid rain. The old order has gone, to re-emerge as new entrepreneurs glad-handing with Western capitalists. An old case of rape and murder by the security forces is reluctantly resurrected by the compromised priest, who finds himself treading warily down Kaika's corridors.

War Dance, by Tim Sebastian (Orion, £15.99)

BEWARE THE enemy at home is the message, and with the author a TV man perhaps his story of secret deals and back-stabbing should be read as a metaphor for life at the BBC. When a minor Balkan state is secretly sacrificed to Serb invasion, in goes a British colonel to sort it out, unaware that he is the promptly cuckolds him too. Bigger | tled 5 Tripods - are not even capa | all when he begins to sink. cato prose, but once in the war zone. Sebastian proves good on messy throughout with plot coincidence.

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### By the waters of history

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and race, this book set me dreaming of Ancient Greece, the Vikings, of Trebizond and Genghis Khan. Neal Ascherson recounts forays to places such as the Crimea, Odessa and Istanbul. But he visits them not as most travel writers do, impelled by a general urge to explore, he goes to check out on the spot things he has studied and thought about at length. His visits are archaeological, the background to meditations on historical events, peoples and civilisations associated with the Black Sea.

This landlocked, largely dead and seemingly dull expanse of water has played an extraordinarily significant role. The region has seen intensive movements of peoples, some coming ashore from the sea, others reaching it across mountain and steppe. It was the scene of Greek colonial expansion and a mine for mythology, home of Amazons and

Sea was the source of silk and spices from the East, and the gateway through which the Black Death entered Europe. But Black Sea is ultimately about

something much more important: self-perception. It was in the Greek trading settlements along the northern coast that the founders of western civilisation first encountered "the barbarian", in the shape of the Scythians. The barbarian was distinguished from the Greeks not by his uncouthness or wild ways; he was different because he did not live in a permanent house or a town. This made him impossible to conquer, and therefore free, and this freedom alarmed the Greeks, It has worried western civilisation ever since.

Natural subversives such as Pushkin and Lermontov glorified this freedom, just as their poetically minded fellows in the West painted the image of the noble savage. German intellectuals tried to tame their fear through pseudo-scientific theory, with the entirely erroneous conceit that normadism was the natural condition of primitive mankind. and that tribes tended to settle Argonauts. From here Theodoric when they "grew up". But none of the Great set out to conquer Italy | this can banish the fear of cosmic

ture England, only to fall in battle at Stamford Bridge in 1066. The Black of masses on the move.

Today's nomads do not wear horned helmets, or ride horses. They wear baseball caps and use every type of modern conveyance to get within the walls. They have exchanged the Scythian chariot for the supermarket trolley as they roam the open spaces of our cities. The knowledge that there are tens of millions more of them, east of the Bug, south of the Mediterranean and beyond the Rio Grande, lends those trolleys all the menace of a battle-tank.

Through the ethnic and cultural

commingling that has been taking place in the Black Sea region, Ascherson also traces other intriguing constants. One is that whether nomads or settled, huge numbers of people live on the periphery of their own worlds, often far from their spiritual and cultural homes, but fiercely attached to them. Thus the descendants of the Greeks who inhabited the Crimean satellites of the Hellenic world regard themselves, after 3,000 years, as being every bit as Greek as the inhabitants of Athens, with whom they cannot communicate properly any more. Every emigrant, as well as every refugee, regards himself and is accepted as belonging to some (possibly defunct) national polity. And, as often as not, his sense | had better learn this lesson qui tors. The media has been awash

of belonging and his "patriotic more violent the farther held "home". This is having ince frightening results.

The cities surrounding the

Sea became home to dozend ferent ethnic groups, which is harmony for centuries, even nia. Yet it only takes a board tention, usually brought in a outside, for the delicate was to break down and for the chin religious groups to start must each other. The spark that the the tinderbox can come fool distant home, as in the case it Pontic Greeks, where the I Greek attack on Turkey reals the massacre and evacuation of entire Greek population of what been Trebizond. Or from the tel for independence, as har Train spotting in Edinburgh: Lomax's obsession provides the raw material for a near-classic of autobiography when Abkhazia decided to at

Ascherson's habitual wit addition of phrase do not obscur. Train spotter whose hobby almost killed him seriousness or the wisdom d book, which carries a number lan Jack messages. The most import that one cannot stop group The Railway Man human beings from constr by Eric Lomax themselves to be a people, and Cape 276pp £15.99 a culture, however demma absurd their claims may be To THIS beautiful, awkward book cepted reaction of branding set stincts as "nationalist" - ; therefore reprehensible - it and forture as a prisoner of war; and only indefensible, it is stupid it his eventual reconciliation with one also doomed to be ineffective of his Japanese captors and persecu-

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was simpler to call them stamp collectors or railway enthusiasts.

Lomax became both, and especially the latter. He can remember, with typical precision, the date when he was caught by it - September 12, 1932 - and the exact place. He stopped "on an impulse of no importance" on a footbridge across the railway near his home, and looked down: "Below me was a shiny heavy web of iron and wood . . . parallel lines of metal suddenly curving and merging smoothly into other sets of tracks; ladders fixed to the earth. climbing into the distance."

The enthusiasm took over his life and became his "scholarly passion . . a 'subject' as valid as mathematics or French". He evokes it very well - unsentimentally, unironically; few writers (Nick Hornby would be one of them) have managed to convey the attractions of their obsessions so clearly without at the same time condescending to

In the space of 40 pages and by the time war breaks out, we have a picture of Lomax as a solitary young

by the oddest things

He becomes a wireless operator and telegrapher in the Royal Corps of Signals and sets sail for India. where, he imagines, he will help defend the British Empire against a German attack through Persia. He transfixed by its absolute beauty: "Later, it went some way to keeping me whole. If I had had no idea of perfection, I don't know if I would have come through." Then his regi-ment is assembled on a parade ground and told by a general their men from South-east Asia and India, enemy might be the Japanese and, if as well as Britain and its white doso, they should try to fight them at

When they dock at Singapore, a struction camps; he and some of his band on the quayside plays There'll fellow prisoners were skilled and

"control freaks", but in those days it | Always Be An England", but | cocky enough to make radio was simpler to call them stamp col- | Lomax's world and Britain's empire | ceivers from stolen stores a ceivers from stolen stores and are on the slide. He and his group pieces of scrap. That was a mistake. are posted up the Malayan coast to The receivers are discovered and defend an airstrip, but the planes for the Japanese beat Lomax and his which they were supposed to sacrifriends with staves, so badly that fice their lives abandon the airstrip some men die. A further mistake is Lomax's se-- suddenly, without warning or excret map of the railway he is helping planation - soon after Lomax gets to build, drawn because "it was althere, and he finds himself defending nothing but empty huts and a ways very important for me to know where I was, to locate myself prerunway rapidly filling with jungle

and weeds. One day, standing alone

on the beach, he hears a loud rum-

bling from over the horizon "like

thunder, but obviously not thun-

der". Out at sea, the Prince of Wales

resourceful, inventive, stoic.

Lomax's group retreats to Singa-

pore, where 100,000 well-armed

sees nothing of the slege — he is in

the headquarters bunker for three

weeks, listening to and relaying "a

series of clipped shouts for help

over the radio and terse bulletins of

Emerging into the confusion of

surrender, he sees six Chinese

heads stuck on poles: "It is hard to explain how this display of medieval

barbarity did not shock us more. We

felt immune to it; these heads were

trophies of an international Asian

conflict . . . we could not imagine

that cruelty does not discriminate

The cruelty eventually arrives by

train, when Lomax is sent to work

on the infamous railway that the

Japanese are building over the mountains between Thailand and

Burma, in preparation for their

planned invasion of India. The irony

could be described as delicious if

the consequences were not so bru-

tal. "I could not believe that I had

become a prisoner only to be sent to

work on a road for the machines

In fact, Lomax's work on the rail-

way was relatively easy compared with the punishing physical labour,

cutting rock and jungle and laying

track, that killed so many thousands

of diseased and under-nourished

minions. He was a young officer, he

became a sign-writer and odd-job

carpenter in one of the railway con-

that had given me such intense plea-

once it is unleashed."

disaster".

men are about to give up. Lomax

to fall, if I had but known it."

and the Repulse, "the two mightiest, trinsic pleasures. most invincible battleships in the His Japanese interrogators are puzzled and infuriated by this map. world", are being sunk by swarms They alternately beat him with of Japanese torpedo bombers. "I had heard the British Empire begin sticks and half drown him by hosing water down his mouth and nostrils. Suddenly, Britain is no longer so He tries to convince them that he is

cisely on a grid: to record, list and

categorise the world around me as

for as possible". The map might be

useful if they ever escaped, but, as

Lomax admits, it also had its own in-

form the kernel of Lomax's story, though his suffering does not end there. Many months follow in harsh captivity, and then, at the war's end, comes the impossibility of sharing his experience with people who can Repression (so often the obverse of obsession) fills his life once again with railways; his marriage comes unstuck; for almost 50 years he hates and seeks vengeance on the Japanese. And then slowly, unfrozen drop by drop, the ice of his personality begins to melt under the warmth of a new marriage (his

bride met, of course, on a train), and he slowly prepares himself for a meeting with his tormentor of half a century ago. The book has its faults - the eventual reconciliation suggests

contrivance and a television crew but it possesses a great humanity. demonstrating how people can be sustained by the oddest things, including the love of impersonal, unowned and artificial objects. Even when Longax is a prisoner, that love never deserts him. He notes the classification and wheel arrangements of Japanese locomotives. He can still remember the day an old German locomotive steamed into the camp - "the joy of its sudden appearance on that dusty and degraded siding under the palm

### and Harald Hardrada set off to cap- | chaos conjured in the ordered and

Comedy of catastrophes

Alex Clark by Joseph O'Nelli Faber 180pp £8.99 pback

WHAT is the correct response to random tragedy? Positive but self-deluding stoicism or a resigned and apathetic fatalism? This dilemma is at the heart of Joseph O'Neill's fine second novel, The Breezes. Centring around two catastrophic weeks in the life of the luckess and seemingly doomed Breeze family, it examines their frantic at-tempts to assimilate events beyond their control. The truth is, however, that the main event has already happened: 14 years previously, in a spec-tacular piece of bad fortune, mother Breeze was struck by lightning and killed instantly in the town centre.

The novel's parrator is her son, John Breeze, an easy-going twenty-something who is intermittently gripped by existential panic. Having bandoned accountancy to become a maker of avant-garde chairs, he is daunted by the prospect of his imminent success, an exhibition at the high-class Devonshire gallery, which displays chairs with names like Ouch on the basis of their "strong ironical content". His response to the possibility of life on an artistic treadmill is

Gene attempts to breathe life into John's new enterprise: ". . . nowadays people are sitting down a whole lo more than they used to. Which means that they're going to need more chairs than ever before." Gene sees the good in everything, from his iob as manager of the alling Rockport Railway Network - which involves his face appearing on posters everywhere and a huge degree of persona abuse — to his unbalanced daughter Rosie, and her layabout boyfriend, Trusty. Even his incompetence as a football referee doesn't prevent him from chasing after games in the park on Sundays. Thinking of him, John imagines the cartoon character Wile E Coyote, doggedly running into mountains and off the edges of cliffs

in his pursuit of Roadrunner. Suddenly things get unimagin-ably worse. Starting with an innocuous enough incident at football, Gene's life becomes hell, his best friend lying in a coma, his house broken into and wrecked, his job under threat from "downsizing". O'Neill's considerable achievement is to render all these disasters, at once deeply affecting and extremely funny. He is an acute judge of the extent to which the young man's apparent attempts to humour his father are in fact signs of his own. a terrified inaction. With two weeks | neediness: John laughs at Gene's lupatsy of his two-faced brigadier, who to go, the chairs - provisionally enti- dicrous buoyancy, but can't cope at

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Breeze. Gene is the book's central
comic creation. Optimistic in the face

yanise John into reluctant action that of the most awful experiences, he never stops trying. Although initially sceptical about his son's chosen pro-

armless, legless, I carelessly by his the selective memory that oper-**Anthony Quinn** Collected Stories

Faber 353pp £14.99 PETER CAREYS reputation in Britain largely rests on the discursive, almost Victorian grandeur of novels like Illywhacker and Oscar And Lucinda. The publication of his Collected Stories now allows us to size him up as a miniaturist, "Reading his stories is like being shot by a firing squad of angels," reckons the Sydney Morning Herald on the back of the book, so best equip yourself with a last cigarette and blindfold before embarking.

by Peter Carey

There are certainly a few hair-There are certainly a few hair-raising moments in the collection, though it takes some time before you get the hang of its author's akewed angle on the work! Indeed, the early stories (early, that is, in the book's running order) are not especially seductive. Several of them are little more than jeux d'esprit, short sketches that barely acknowledge the obligations of narrative. They generally rely for their effect upon sudden arresting shifts of perspective: in the blink of an eye an apparentiy light mood spirals into a hallucinatory — and sometimes horrific — dreamworld.

For instance, "Life and Death in the South Side Pavilion" starts out like something from Woody Allen but within a page has tipped into a talle of mysterions gracity and the sort horizon", "soft heart in the soft horizon", "caressed by, a story in the seem to have gone the same way. Lomax had all three qualities. They got him into trouble with the lady are way. Lomax had all three qualities. They got him into trouble with the lady are way. Lomax had all three qualities. They got him into trouble with the lady decay to a sire the body's decay to a sire the body a planese, but they also helped the same way. Lomax had all three qualities. They got him raising moments in the collection, though it takes some time before the book's running order) are not especially seductive. Several of an apparently light mood spirals into a hallucinatory — and some-

but within a page has tipped into a phine", "caressed by a there were 12 horses floating in the pool. They bumped softly into one another like bad dreams in a basin."

sceptical about his son's chosen profession, he eventually embraces its potential usefulness and integrity.

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Mike Selvey at The Oval

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Lara's theme . . . Richie Richardson, left, congratulates his master bataman on reaching his century during a fine 179 PHOTO: DAN SMITH

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Brundle's Ligier to take second place on the final lap and now trails Schumacher by 15 points. The front-row Ferraris of Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger wilted

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noved ahead into fourth on lap 11. Coulthard retired from the lead on lap 14 with gearbox trouble, and rvine's Jordan caught fire during a refuelling stop but the conflagration was quickly extinguished. Behind

Brundle, Heinz-Harald Frentzen finished fourth in his Sauber ahead of Mark Blundell's McLaren. Johnny Herbert came in seventh.

**Rugby Union** 

### **Amateurism ditched as** player pay gets go-ahead

Robert Armstrong

WORLD rugby switched dra-matically from amateur to fully open status last weekend, exactly 100 years after the split which divided the game into league and union. After three days of intense discussion in a Paris hotel, the International Board announced its decision to ditch the amateur regulations In favour of professionalism and to lift all restrictions on payments to

The transition to a new era took a number of member unions by surprise, particularly those who are strapped for cash to pay for professional rugby. However, the IB has given each of its 67 unions carte blanche to draw up domestic regulations which could retain some form of amateurism.

None of the 20 representatives who attended the Paris meeting was in any doubt, though, that sweeping changes were necessary. At a stroke the hypocrisy of shamateurism has been brought to an end; instead, an honest recognition of the role commercial forces have to play has been made.

Peter Brook, one of England's two 1B representatives, spoke for the vast majority of his colleagues when he gave the decision a warm welcome. "We were sick of the charade and the lack of honesty and credibility in the game," he said.

"We will frame a new set of regulations in Tokyo next month and after that individual unions, including

the Rugby Football Union, will get down to the task of altering their own by-laws."

Vernon Pugh, chairman of the IB working party on amateurism which recommended the change, declared: "We are entering a very different world. The game will change for all, players and administrators alike. The decision of the council is extremely positive and bold."

However, Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, sounded a note of caution for a domestic game that has a huge majority of amateur players, nearly 200,000 in England alone.

"A lot of areas are bound to cause great concern, especially as there is a danger that the richest clubs will get all the pickings. The RFU committee is well prepared for the disappearance of the word 'amateurism' but the changes have gone further perhaps than some people might have wished," he said.

It is thought likely that within two or three seasons most UK Courage League One clubs will pay their players a salary. England internationals are also expected to receive about £5,000 a match.

In fact, the door has been left open for each union to amend its own by-laws in its best interest. It is understood that Argentina and Iro land will draw up a tight quasi anateur definition of the game.

This month the IB will consider a reverse gangway from league back to union for furmer union players young enough to pursue an international career in the 15-man code.

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20 Left in play (6)

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6 Bud's tired out, having been

Dad locks up an outcast (6)

15 Young officer is awkward but

17 Played with babies? (8)

18 Bribe the clergy to provide

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Shows around Madras (6)

23 Cancel spaceflight, there's an

unpleasant smell in craft (5)

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to make the grade? (4,2,2,7)

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Sports Dlary Mark Redding

### Olazabal the easy Ryder

AN WOOSNAM's worst fears ARY JACOBS failed in his at-were realised when the European C tempt to take the World Boxing golf captain Bernard Gallacher named Jose-Maria Olazabal as the final member of his Ryder Cup team to play the United States at Oak Hill from September 22 to 24.

Nick Faldo had already been handed the other wild card, to join the automatic selections Bernhard Langer, Sam Torrance, Costantino Rocca, Severiano Ballesteros, David Gilford, Mark James, Howard Clark, Per-Ulrik Johansson, Philip Walton and Colin Montgomerie, who won the German Open at Stuttgart.

"If I'm not playing there's no way Woosnam had said. "I will most probably not even bother to watch."

A LAIN PROST is to test drive for the McLaren Formula One team, possibly paving the way back for a return to grand-prix racing. The 40-year-old Frenchman won three world championships with McLaren in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and another with Williams in 1993 before retiring.

Council welterweight title from the American Pernell Whitaker in Atlantic City. The 29-year-old Scot struggled to last the distance and was floored twice in the final round before losing on a unanimous points decision.

In contrast, Northern Ireland's Eamonn Loughran stopped the American Tony Gannarelli in the sixth round to retain his World Boxing Organisation welterweight title at the Ulster Hall in Belfast. The referee called a halt as the challenger got up from the canvas and walked

JEFF TARANGO was fined £18,500 and banned from two Grand Slam tournaments by the International Tennis Federation as punishment for storming off court at Wimbledon, calling an unpire "the most corrupt official in the game". The American appealed, making him eligible for the US Open, but as if to rub salt into his

£13,000 by the ATP Tour for remarks he had made after the match. against Germany's Alexander Mronz. He had already been fined £9,700 by the All England club.

ANDREW SYMONDS, the 20-year-old Anglo-Australian bats man, broke cricket's world six-hitting record when he struck 16 in an innings for Gloucestershire against Glamorgan at Abergavenny. The previous mark was 15, set by New Zealand's John Reid in 1963. Despite Symonds's first-innings 254 the County Championship match



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NGLAND retained the bronze medal in hockey's European Nations Cup with an efficient 2-1 victory over Belgium, Calum Giles and Russell Garcia scoring the goals. Germany took the title by beating the Netherlands 9-8 on penalties after a disappointing 2-2 draw.

WELVE clubs, none of them English, will contest rugby union's first European Cup when it kicks off in October. The line-up will comprise Cardiff, Swansea, Pontypridd, Toulouse, Racing Club of Paris, Milan, Treviso, Ulster, Munster, Leinster, and two district sides from Scotland which have yet to be

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> ith John Drummond of the United itates in the 100 metres of the Mc-Donald's Games at Crystal Palace. At the same meeting Britain's onathan Edwards produced the first legal 18 metres mark in England to win the triple jump.

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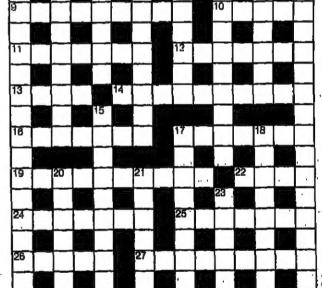
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S L Compbell c Russell b Fister wrong "I don't accept it. I don't page with it and I see no reason for will appeal," he said. He had C G Benjamin c Atherton b Cor C Lara c Fraser b Malcolm B Richardson c Hick b Cook seen told that the ban would not

tel driving offences at any of the h was a nerve-racking race in which Hill had to settle for second place. Schumacher drove brilliantly. gambling to stay on dry-weather slicks when the circuit was soaked by a shower. Yet he attracted Hill's milicism by constantly weaving from side to side when the English-

man's Williams, running quicker on

come into effect unless he commit-

place on the final lap and now trails Schumacher by 15 points. The front-row Ferraris of Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger wilted tin tyres, came up behind him on with mechanical problems, leaving

drivers from using cars as instru-

ments to prevent other cars from

overtaking, in other words to

forcibly drive at another car, then

His efforts were further under-

mined by five pit stops. He eventu-ally scrambled past Martin Brundle's Ligier to take second

the rules are wrong," said Hill.

lap 22. "If the rules do not prevent | David Coulthard's Williams in command ahead of Hill by the end of the sixth lap. By that point Schumacher was up to fifth place from 16th, harrying Eddie Irvine's Jordan, and he noved ahead into fourth on lap 11.

Hot seat . . . Eddie Irvine escaped unscathed when his Jordan went

up in flames after a refuelling valve jammed

Coulthard retired from the lead on lap 14 with gearbox trouble, and Irvine's fordan caught fire during a refuelling stop but the conflagration was quickly extinguished. Behind Brundle, Heinz-Harald Frentzen finished fourth in his Sauber ahead of Mark Blundell's McLaren. Johnny Herbert came in seventh.

**Rugby Union** 

#### **Amateurism ditched as** player pay gets go-ahead

Robert Armstrong

A ORLD rugby switched drawww.matically from amateur to fully open status last weekend, exactly 100 years after the split which divided the game into league and union. After three days of intense discussion in a Paris hotel, the International Board announced its decision to ditch the amateur regulations in favour of professionalism and to lift all restrictions on payments to

The transition to a new era took a number of member unions by surprise, particularly those who are strapped for cash to pay for professional rugby. However, the IB has given each of its 67 unions carte blanche to draw up domestic regulations which could retain some form

None of the 20 representatives who attended the Paris meeting was in any doubt, though, that sweeping changes were necessary. At a stroke the hypocrisy of shamateurism has been brought to an end: instead, an honest recognition of the role commercial forces have to play has been made.

Peter Brook, one of England's two 1B representatives, spoke for the vast majority of his colleagues when he gave the decision a warm welcome. "We were sick of the charade and the lack of honesty and credibility in the game," he said.

"We will frame a new set of regulations in Tokyo next month and after that individual unions, including

the Rugby Football Union, will get down to the task of altering their

Vernon Pugh, chairman of the IB working party on amateurism which recommended the change, declared: We are entering a very different world. The game will change for all. players and administrators alike. The decision of the council is exremely positive and bold."

However, Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, sounded a note of caution for a domestic game that has a huge majority of amateur players, nearly 200,000 in England alone.

"A lot of areas are bound to cause great concern, especially as there is a danger that the richest clubs will get all the pickings. The RFU committee is well prepared for the disappearance of the word 'amateurism' but the changes have gone further perhaps than some people might

It is thought likely that within two or three seasons most UK Courage League One clubs will pay their players a salary. England internationals are also expected to receive about £5,000 a match.

In fact, the door has been left open for each union to amend its own by-laws in its best interest. It is understood that Argentina and Ireland will draw up a tight quasiamateur definition of the game.

This month the IB will consider a reverse gangway from league back to union for former union players young enough to pursue an international career in the 15-man code.

Soccer Premiership Sheff Wed 0 Newcastle Utd 2

### Ginola in the ascendant

A EWCASTLE UNITED took over at the top of the Premiership with a daunting display that tenfirmed their billing as this sea-

Then la belle alliance of David Giula and Peter Beardsley brought te goals which took Newcastle back Aton Villa 24 hours earlier.

go flat in the 53rd minute. Beardsley's swiftly taken short corner or the left gave Ginola time to take the ball inside and drag it on to his right foot before beating Pressman with an impraculate shot into the far corner of the net.

Wednesday's afternoon began to

"David Ginola has a special talent," said Keegan, "and this sort of talent has to find the right place to play. I think he's found it now."

With 15 minutes remaining Ginola's pass up the left-hand touchline found Beardsley who, from the tightest of angles, looped the ball over Pressman and into the net off

And PREMIERSHIP

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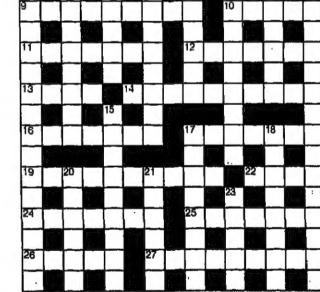
Third Division: Chester 3, Plymouth 1; Colchester 3, Uncoin 0; Doncaster 0, Cardif 0; Exerce 2, Scarborough 0; Fulham 4, Torquey 0; Gillingham 3, Cambridge 0; Hersford 3, Bury 4; L. Orient 1, Derlington 1; Northempton 3, Mensfeld 3; Preston 1, Wigan 1; Rochdele 4, Hardenood, Scumbore 2, Barret 0

Division: Falkink 2, Aberdeen 3; Hearts 1, Motherwell 1; Partick 1, Hibernian 1; Raith 0, Cettic 1; Rangera 1, Kilmamock 0. Firet Division: Dundes 1, Abbie 1: Dunfermine :

Dundes United O; Greenock Monton 1, Dumberton 2; Harmiton O, Ctydebank 2; St Wirren O, St Johnstons O. Second Division: Berwick 3, Stirling 0; Ctyde 1 Forlar 2; East File 1, Ayr 0; Montrose 1, Cusen o South 4; Stenhousemur 3, Stranzer 0.

Third Division: Alica 3, Albion 2; Arbroath 1, Uvingston 3; Caledonian T 1, Brechin 2; East Sitring 1, Rose County 2; Queen's Park 3, Covidenbeath 1.

Cryptic crossword by Rufus



9 Danes pull out completely (3,4,2) O State aid distributed by the

Home Office (5) 11 Ban about mulled ale is in view

12 One must do it to survive (7) 13 Make a note of the time perhaps

14 Harmonlous music for the hairdresser's ball? (10) 16 Greet us, perhaps, with a wave?

17 Musical effect that's a lot more: complicated (7) 19 Boy goes to an unusually arid

place in Egypt (10) France (4)

24 Sluggish movement of a train that's vandalised (7) 25 Plant daggers in Capone's back

26 One eating in an American café

27 Pole position? (9)

Dancing girl associated with tramps and diggers (8,7) 2. Cries from clumsy seamen on

prow of boat (8)

3 Range and directions (5) 4 Big copper's ex gets kiss (8) 5 Father about to see doctor in

confidence (6) 6 Bud's tired out, having been roused from sleep (9)

7 Dad locks up an outcast (6) What a diver must do who liches

to make the grade? (4,2,2,7) 15 Young officer is awkward but

learns (9) 17 Played with bables? (8)

18 Bribe the clergy to provide waterproof material (8) 20 Left in play (6)

21 Shows around Madras (6) 23 Cancel spaceflight, there's an unpleasant smell in craft (5)

Last week's solution

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#### Sports Diary Mark Redding

#### Olazabal the easy Ryder

AN WOOSNAM's worst fears ARY JACOBS failed in his at-were realised when the European Carpt to take the World Boxing were realised when the European golf captain Bernard Gallacher named Jose-Maria Olazabai as the final member of his Ryder Cup team to play the United States at Oak Hill from September 22 to 24.

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Nick Faldo had already been handed the other wild card, to join the automatic selections Bernhard Langer, Sam Torrance, Costantino Rocca, Severiano Ballesteros, David Gilford, Mark James, Howard Clark, Per-Ulrik Johansson, Philip Walton and Colin Montgomerie, who won the German Open at Stuttgart.

"If I'm not playing there's no way got up from the canvas and walked Woosnam had said. "I will most probably not even bother to watch."

ALAIN PROST is to test drive for the McLaren Formula One team, possibly paving the way back for a return to grand-prix racing. | at Wimbledon, calling an umpire The 40-year-old Frenchman won "the most corrupt official in the three world championships with game". The American appealed, McLaren in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and | making him eligible for the US another with Williams in 1993 be- Open, but as if to rub sait into his

Council welterweight title from the American Pernell Whitaker in Atlantic City. The 29-year-old Scot struggled to last the distance and was floored twice in the final round before losing on a unanimous points

In contrast, Northern Ireland's Eamonn Loughran stopped the American Tony Gannarelli in the sixth round to retain his World Boxing Organisation welterweight title at the Ulster Hall in Belfast. The referee called a halt as the challenger

EFF TARANGO was fined U£18,500 and banned from two Grand Slam tournaments by the International Tennis Federation as punishment for storming off court

£13,000 by the ATP Tour for remarks he had made after the match, against Germany's Alexander Mronz He had already been fined £9,700 by the All England club.

△ NDREW SYMONDS, the 20year-old Anglo-Australian bataman, broke cricket's world six-hitting record when he struck 16 in an innings for Gloucestershire against Glamorgan at Abergavenny. The previous mark was 15, set by New Zealand's John Reid in 1963. Despite Symonds's first-innings 254 the County Championship match



wounds he was fined a further | Symonds . . awesome hitting | land to win the triple jump,

NGLAND retained the bronze medal in hockey's European Nations Cup with an efficient 2-1 victory over Belgium, Calum Giles and Russell Garcia scoring the goals. Germany took the title by beating the Netherlands 9-8 on penalties after a disappointing 2-2 draw.

TWELVE clubs, none of them English, will contest rugby union's first European Cup when it kicks off in October. The line-up will comprise Cardiff, Swansea, Pontypridd, Toulouse, Racing Club of Paris, Milan, Treviso, Ulster, Munster. Leinster, and two district sides from Scotland which have yet to be

INFORD CHRISTIE won the 100 res at the Ivo van Damm Grand Prix in Brussels, his third victory in the third race of the 300 German fans afterior Golden Four series, which offers a prize of gold bullion for the winner

of all four races in a single event. Christie also finished joint first with John Drummond of the United States in the 100 metres of the Mc-Donald's Games at Crystal Palace. At the same meeting Britain's Jonathan Edwards produced the first legal 18 metres mark in England to win the stale in the stal

mer striker Jürgen Klasut

Scoreboard

First Ingings

ARC Fraser not out

C L Hooper c Russell b Match S Chanderpaul c Gallien b Cok †C O Browne not out I R Blehop run out C E L Ambrose not out

Total (for 8 dec. 163 overs) Fell of wickets: 40, 94, 202.

Bowling: Malcolm 39-7-160-5 Fa 155-1; Watkinson 26-3-113-6, for 3, Gallian 12-1-56-0; Hick 10-5-5

Second Innings
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M A Atherton c Browne b Bish

653, 686. Did not bet: C A Watsh.

ENGLAND

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Brussels city centre Wednesday's against Germany. The mai marked the opening of the tional stadium built of the tional Heysel, was won 21 h Möller scored twice for l the winner coming from

BRITAIN'S rowing above the only other club with a per-ber pionships in Tampers, Filed Alon Villa 24 hours earlier. six boats qualified for neil Olympic Games. There medals for the lightweight 180ccer results of Steve Redgrave and Math sent, and slivers for the pr less four, the ment by eight, the women's lighted

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Fall of wickets: 60, 64, 132.25
Bowling: Walsh 28-7-80-1; 85
36-2; Hooper 22-11-26-0; Craw
22-0; Sishop 22-4-56-1; Lisa 14-THE chairman of Total spur, Alan Sugar, has be so still favourites.

sell the football club for soc.

Sugar was abused by the Seffield Wednesday's new learn-Sugar was annual large in under David Pleat threatened to was criticised for 101 % brive Kevin Keegan's team of money on new players is that distributed victory in nine days.